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SECTION ONE - READING COMPREHENSION

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Threatened!

Loggerhead sea turtles **glide** gently through many of the world’s oceans. They are known for their beauty and **graceful** nature. Once widely hunted, they continue to face threats both in the water and on land.

Largest of the hard-shelled turtles, adult male loggerheads usually weigh about 250 pounds. They are not as big as soft-shelled leatherback turtles though. Leatherback turtles can weigh over 1,000 pounds.

With wide heads and very powerful jaws, the loggerhead's strong jaws help them crush and eat shellfish. They eat clams, crabs, and sea urchins. They also eat jellyfish, squid, and fish.

Loggerhead turtles live in the Pacific Ocean, the Atlantic Ocean, the Indian Ocean, and the Mediterranean Sea. They **inhabit** both deep ocean waters and **shallow** coastal waters. They travel long distances between their ocean feeding areas and their nesting beaches. Pacific loggerhead turtles **migrate** from Japan all the way to the coast of Mexico. They travel over 7,500 miles in the ocean.

Although they spend most of their life at sea, loggerheads build their nests on beaches. Female turtles lay three to five nests of eggs during a nesting season. These nests are called clutches. Each nest contains 100 to 120 turtle eggs. The eggs **incubate** in the nests for two months before they hatch.

Loggerhead hatchlings are very small. They measure about 2 inches in length. The hatchlings usually **emerge** from their nests at night when the sand is cool. They make their way to the ocean by following the light of the moon and stars reflected in the water. The baby turtles then live for months eating and **floating** in large masses of seaweed in shallow waters.

1. Why are loggerhead turtles facing danger in water and on land? (/1)

2. Write two differences between loggerhead turtles and leatherback turtles. (/2)

3. What does *migrate* mean? Answer in your own words. (/1)

4. What does the diet of a loggerhead turtle mostly comprise of? (/2)

5. Why do the hatchlings leave their nests at night? (/1)

6. How do loggerhead turtle hatchlings find the ocean? (/1)

7. Why do you think the hatchlings spend months floating in the seaweed in shallow waters? (/1)

8. Match the words with their meanings. (/2)

- 1. emerge ____ live in/settle
- 2. incubate ____ nurture/breed
- 3. glide ____ appear/come out
- 4. inhabit ____ slide/float

