



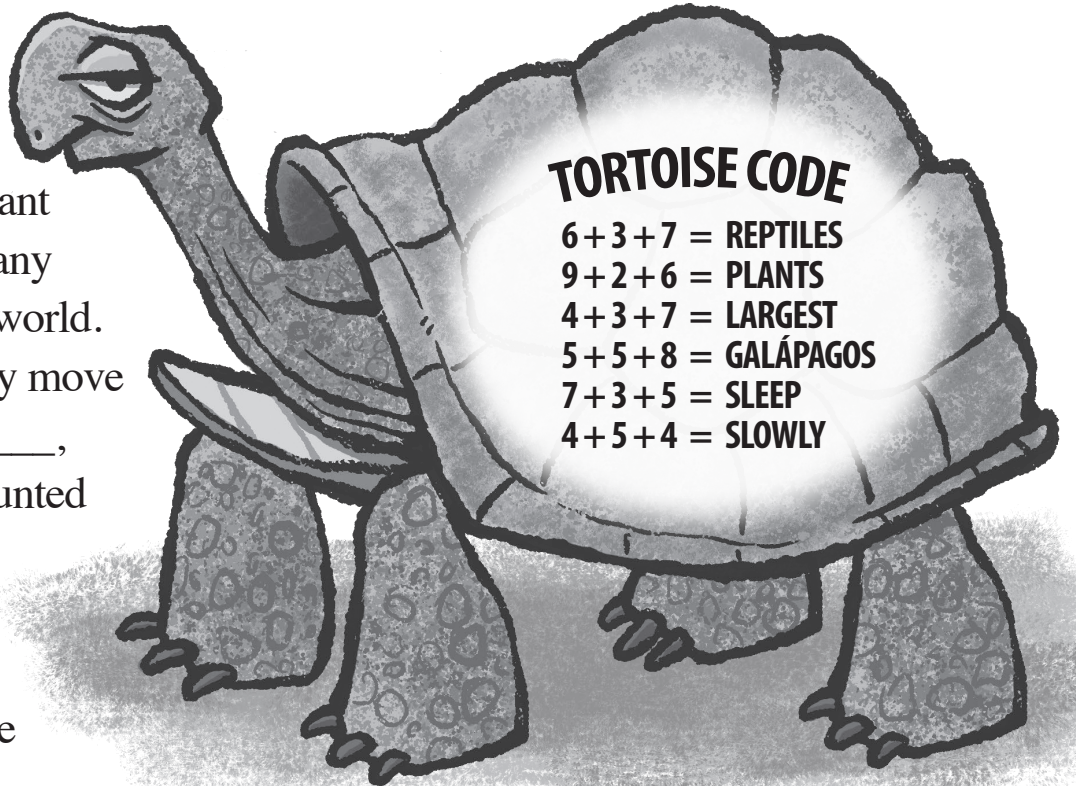
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GIANT TORTOISE

Use the code to unlock amazing facts about these incredible creatures!

WHERE DO THESE GIANT TORTOISES LIVE?

Long ago, these giant reptiles lived in many places around the world. Sadly, because they move so **13** _____, they were easily hunted to near extinction. Today, most of the remaining giant tortoises live on the **18** _____ Islands.



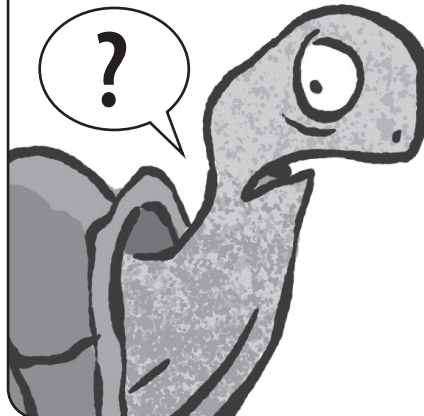
TORTOISE CODE

- 6 + 3 + 7 = REPTILES
- 9 + 2 + 6 = PLANTS
- 4 + 3 + 7 = LARGEST
- 5 + 5 + 8 = GALÁPAGOS
- 7 + 3 + 5 = SLEEP
- 4 + 5 + 4 = SLOWLY

HOW BIG ARE GIANT TORTOISES?

Giant tortoises are some of the biggest **16** _____ on Earth. The **14** _____ giant tortoise ever recorded weighed 919 pounds (417 kg) and measured more than 4 feet long!

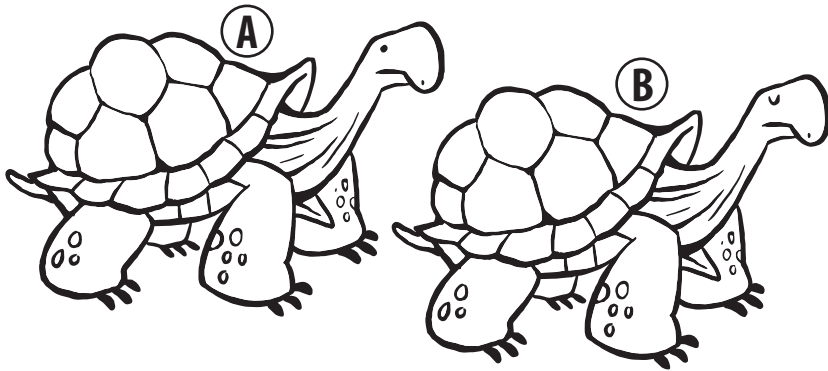
ARE GIANT TORTOISES DANGEROUS?



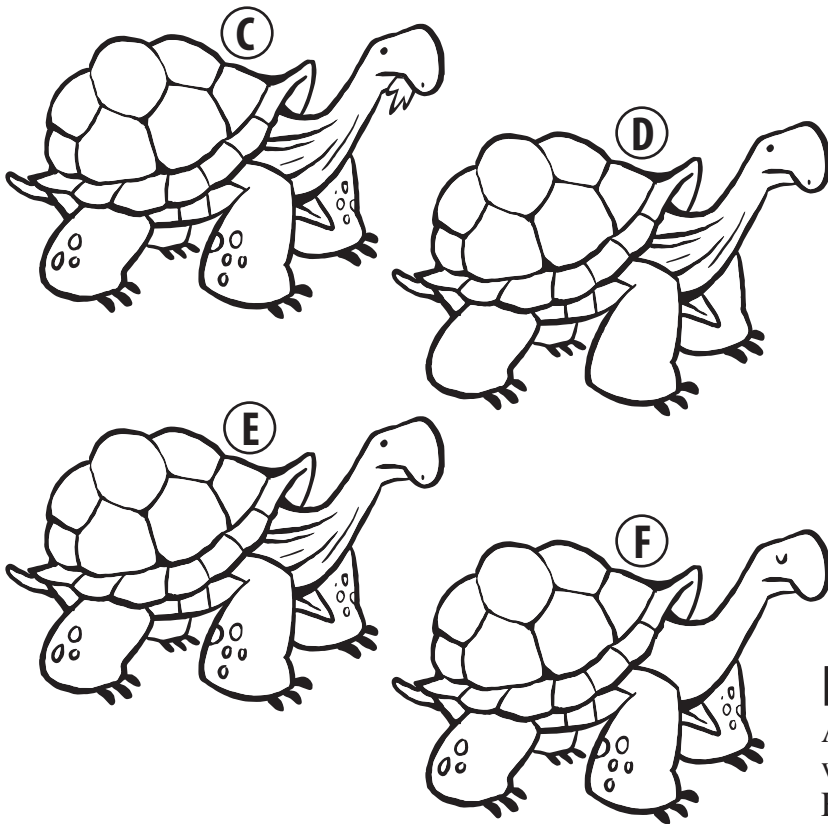
Not at all. In fact, some people call them gentle giants. They only eat **17** _____, making them **herbivores**. And, they love to **15** _____. Sometimes, they sleep 16 hours a day!



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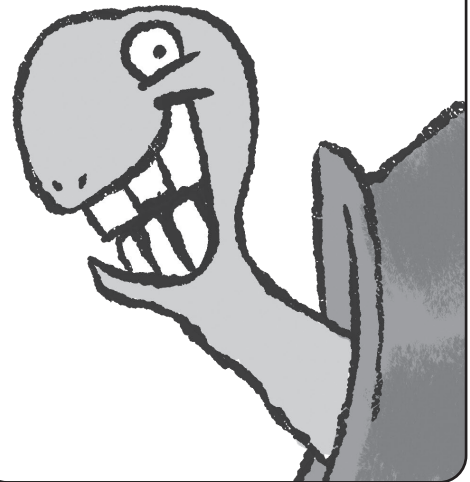
Can you find the two identical tortoises?



TORTOISE TEETH

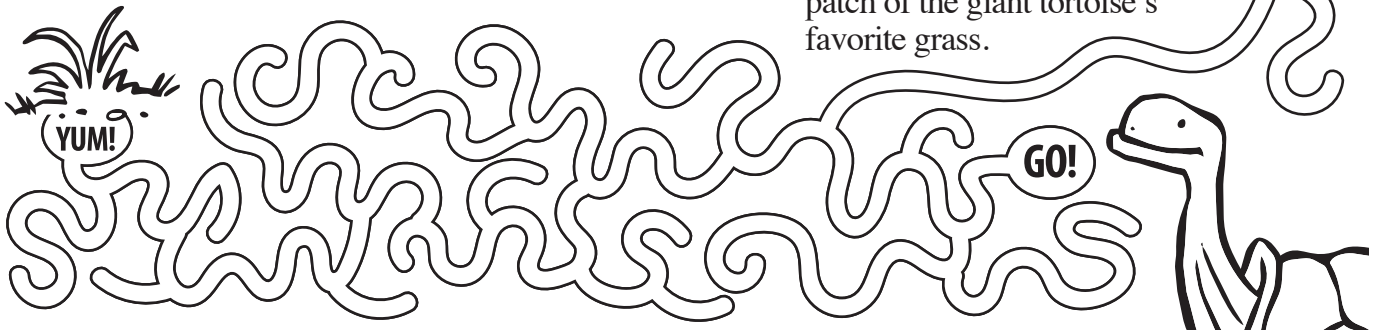
Hold this page up to a mirror to read a surprising fact about tortoise teeth.

There is no such thing as tortoise teeth!
Tortoise teeth are not sharp with their strong beaks.



NO FOOD? NO PROBLEM!

A giant tortoise can go a year without eating or drinking! Follow the maze to find a sweet patch of the giant tortoise's favorite grass.



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written instructions.



Name:



Kid Scoop Together

Missing Words

Replace the missing words. Then read these tortoise facts aloud to a family member.

MONTHS
 LIVING
 BURY
 ISLANDS
 SPANISH
 LEGS
 DIG
 CREATURES

They are one of the longest-lived _____ in the world, often _____ to be over 100 years old. A Galápagos tortoise named Harriet lived to be 176 years old!

Giant tortoises are found mainly in the Galápagos _____ (near South America). Early explorers named these islands after one of their amazing animals. The word Galápagos means tortoise in _____.

When it's time to lay eggs, a female tortoise digs a hole with her back _____. They will lay up to 20 eggs and _____ them. The eggs take four to eight _____ to hatch.

The baby tortoises _____ their way out of the dirt. Then, they're on their own!



Really BIG!

Look through the newspaper for three numbers that you think are really big. Cut them out and glue them to a piece of paper in order from smallest to largest.

Standards Link: Math: Sequencing numbers in numerical order.



Name: _____

Puzzler



When a certain small bird flies in front of a giant tortoise, the tortoise stretches out its neck and legs. This bird eats bugs and dead skin off the tortoise's skin to help keep it clean.

Circle every other letter to discover the name of this helpful bird.



G B A J L S A V P T
A M G Y O W S C
F B I H N X C S H

G _____

VOCABULARY BUILDERS

HERBIVORE

The noun **herbivore** is used to describe an animal that only eats plants.

As an **herbivore**, the giant tortoise munches plants.

Try to use the word **herbivore** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.



What does a giant tortoise do on its birthday?

ANSWER: It has a big shell celebration.



Name:

Kid Scoop Jumbo Word Search

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.
Then see how many of these words you can find in today's newspaper.

- BIG
- CLEAN
- DAY
- EAT
- FOOD
- GIANT
- ISLANDS
- LIVE
- NECK
- PLANTS
- SHELL
- SLEEP
- SLOWLY
- TORTOISE
- WORLD
- YEAR

L	G	I	B	S	T	N	A	L	P
J	I	Y	S	L	O	W	L	Y	B
I	A	V	L	I	R	Y	D	F	N
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A	B	X	P	F	I	N	V	W	R
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D	K	V	C	L	E	A	N	C	B
S	W	D	L	R	O	W	Y	N	K

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words.
Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Answers

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Where do these giant tortoises live?

- 13 Slowly
- 18 Galápagos

How big are giant tortoises?

- 16 Reptiles
- 14 Largest

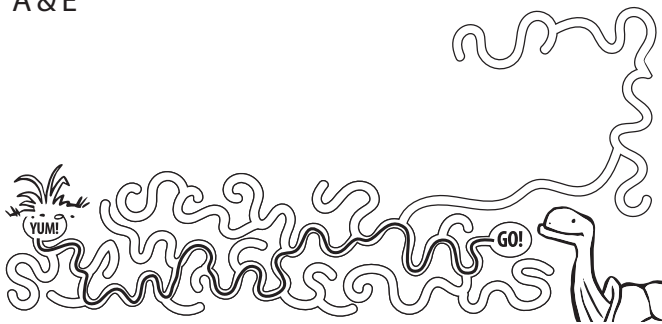
Are giant tortoises dangerous?

- 17 Plants
- 15 Sleep

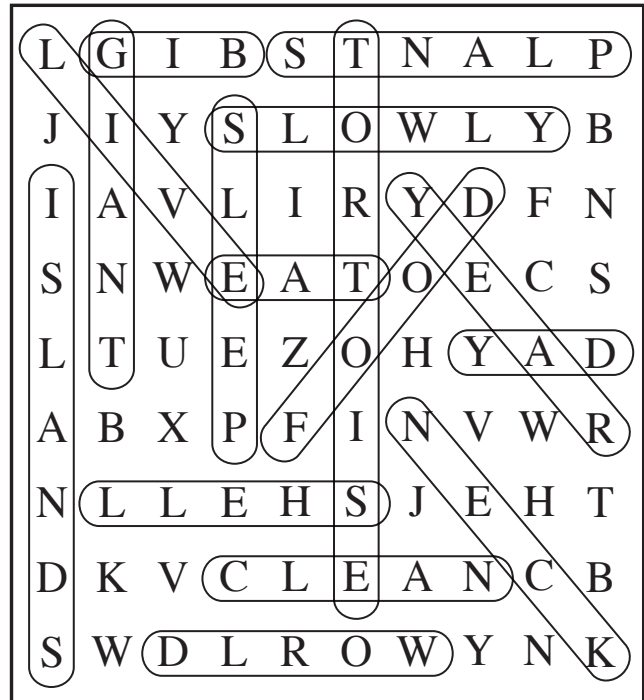
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A & E



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Missing Words

- creatures
- living
- islands
- Spanish
- legs
- bury
- months
- dig

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Puzzler

Galápagos Finch