

COMPREHENSION CHALLENGES

The Martins were having a picnic on the beach. They spread a blanket on the sand near the ocean and sat down. They opened the basket and began to eat fried chicken.

All of a sudden Jenny jumped up. "Someone pinched me!" she shouted.

"Don't be silly," said Mother. "We are all eating. No one pinched you."

Jenny sat back down on the blanket with a frown. A second later Bobby jumped up. "I was pinched, too!"

Just then, Mother and Dad jumped up, too. They grabbed their legs and shouted, "OW!"

Dad lifted the corner of the blanket where he had been sitting. A tiny sea turtle crawled out and headed toward the ocean. Soon, several more followed the first one. Underneath the blanket were hundreds of baby sea turtles.

Mr. Martin explained, "Several months ago the mother sea turtle swam out of the ocean. She came to this spot on the beach, dug a deep hole and laid hundreds of eggs. Then she covered the hole and swam away. The warm sand helped hatch the eggs. Now the baby turtles are digging their way out of the sand, trying to get back to water."

The Martins found a different spot for their picnic. As they ate, they watched the baby sea turtles crawl toward the ocean.



1. A good name for this story is:
 - (a) A Picnic
 - (b) Baby Sea Turtles
 - (c) Who Pinched Me
 - (d) To the Sea
2. The Martins were sitting on:
 - (a) sand
 - (b) a blanket
 - (c) a big turtle
 - (d) newspaper
3. Many baby turtles were:
 - (a) in eggs
 - (b) crawling to the sea
 - (c) digging a hole
 - (d) lost
4. The turtles came from eggs buried under:
 - (a) the ocean
 - (b) the sand
 - (c) the picnic basket
 - (d) shells
5. Put in order: Mother turtle
 - (a) covers the hole
 - (b) digs the hole
 - (c) swims to shore
 - (d) lays the eggs
6. In the story spread means:
 - (a) a covering for a bed
 - (b) to stretch
 - (c) to grow
 - (d) to lay over something
7. When the Martins saw the tiny turtles, they:
 - (a) were surprised
 - (b) were angry
 - (c) went home
 - (d) chased them