

# Free Saturday

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Imagine your friend who lives far away is coming to visit your town. Your friend has a free Saturday and wants to know what they should do to have fun. Write an informative paragraph about one thing they can do in your town to have fun on a free Saturday. Your friend wants to know all about it, so you'll have to explain it with lots of details.

## Directions:

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Think Space

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# 3rd Grade Informative Writing Rubric

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# Beach Picture

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

V.I.P.



Ways people can help sea turtles

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# Word Bank

## Beach Words

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### Turtle Words



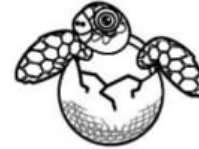
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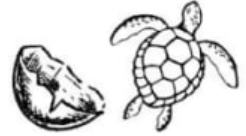
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hatch



baby

### Beach Words



beach



ocean



wave



plastic bag



trash



sandcastle



hole



light



safe



sand

### Action Phrases



protect



pick up



knock over



fill in



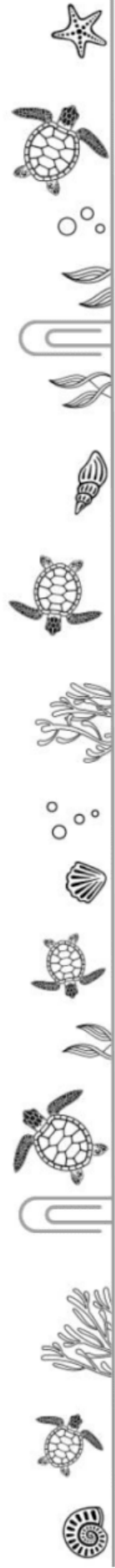
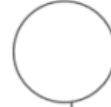
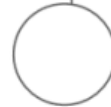
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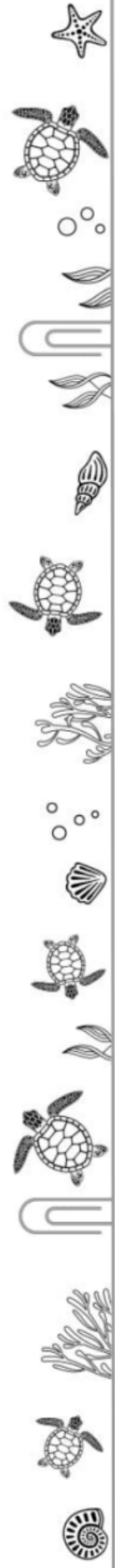
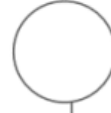
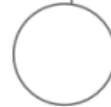


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# Sea Turtle Experts

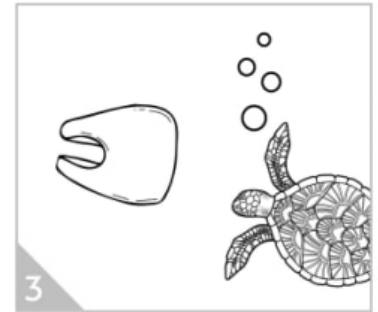
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It's important that people make sure plastic bags don't end up in the ocean. Wind can take bags and other trash a long way to the ocean. Sea turtles might think the trash is food and try to eat it.



Oscar



I wish more people would knock over their sandcastles and fill in holes they dug when they leave the beach. Sandcastles and holes can block a baby turtle's path to the ocean. They can get lost or stuck in holes.



Lucy



We need to keep our beaches dark: turn off flashlights and all lights. Baby sea turtles hatch and follow the brightest light. If they follow human made lights, they can end up wandering away from the ocean.



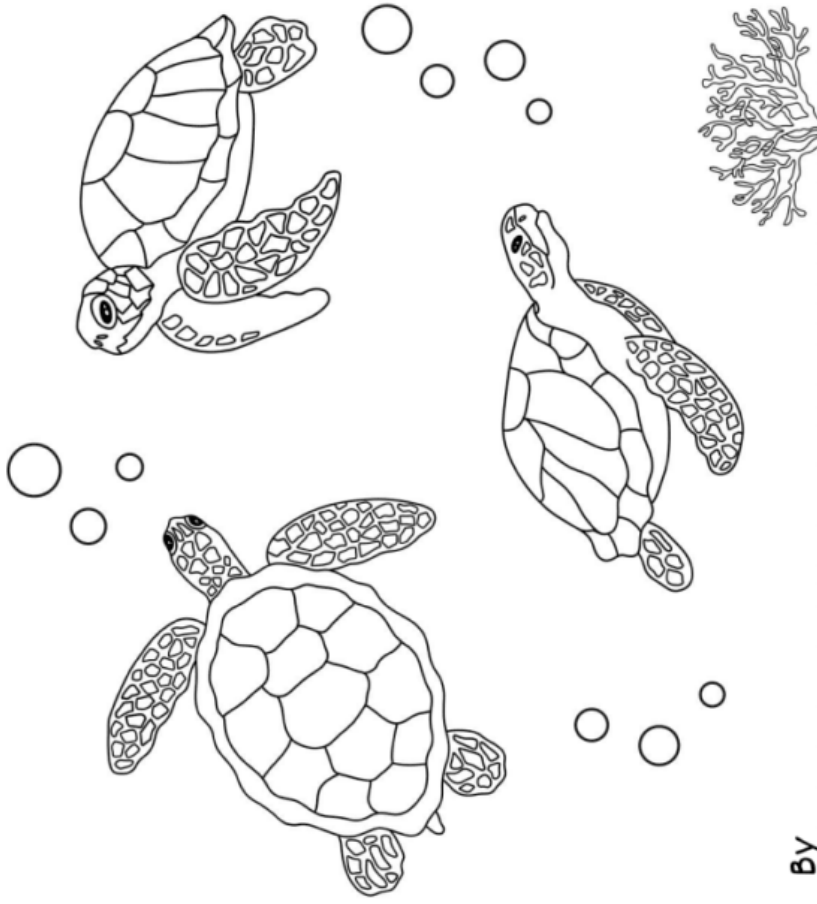
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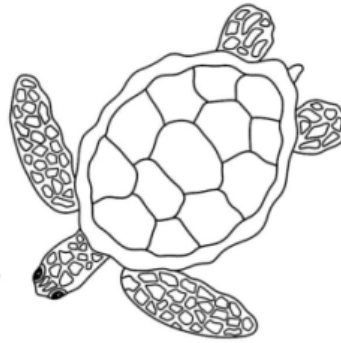
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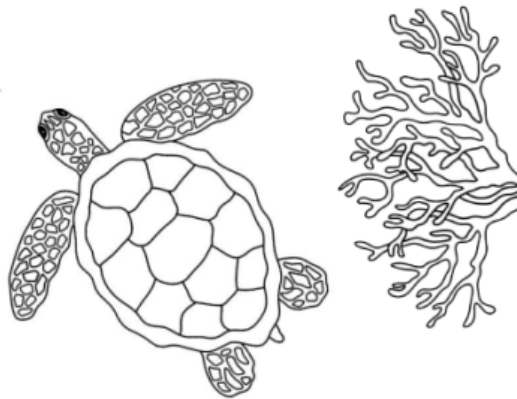
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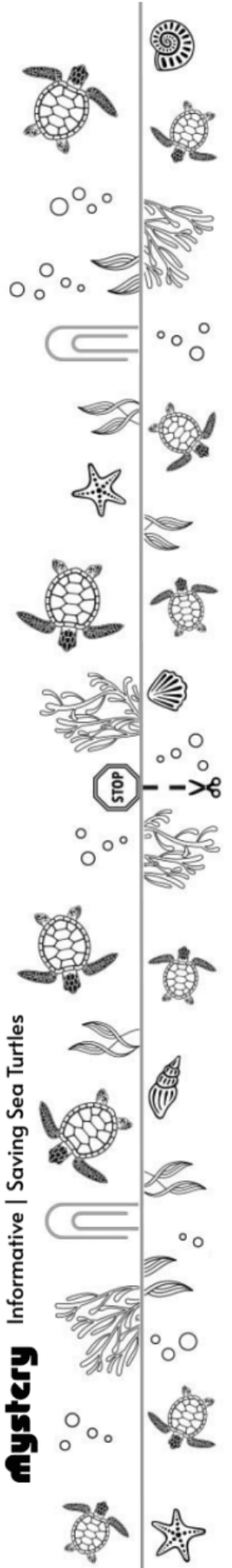
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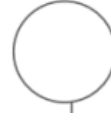
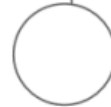


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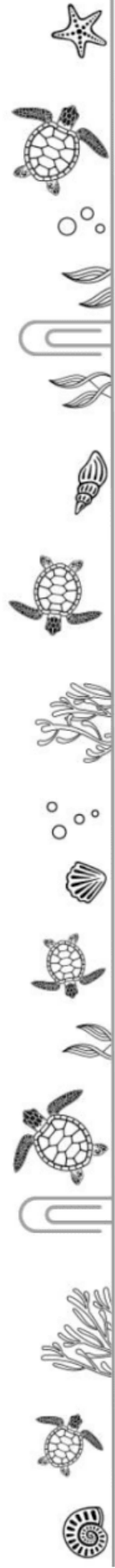
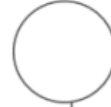
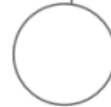
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# New Student

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Imagine a new student is joining your class from a different school and doesn't know what to do at recess. Write an informative paragraph about one activity they can do at recess. The new student may have never done that thing before, so you'll have to explain it with lots of details.

## Directions:

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The new student doesn't know what to do at recess.

Directions: Write an informative paragraph about **one thing** the new student can do at recess.

In your paragraph remember to:

- ☐ Introduce your topic
- ☐ Explain using lots of details (think like an expert)
- ☐ Use connecting words (because, and, so)
- ☐ Write an ending
- ☐ Edit your writing

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