

Reading Comprehension (Matching – Gapped Text)

You are going to read an article about being home alone. Six sentences have been removed from the text. Choose from the sentences (A – H) to fit each gap (1 – 6). There are two extra sentences which you do not need to use. For each question, mark the correct answer (A – H) on your answer sheet.

THE SEA TURTLES OF MALAYSIA

There are four types of sea turtles that nest on the shores of Malaysia. They are the leatherback turtle, green turtle, hawksbill turtle and Olive Ridley turtle. 1 2 They can grow up to slightly over two metres long and weigh over 900 kg. Unlike other sea turtles that have a hard shell, leatherbacks have a rubbery and flexible shell. 2 3 They can even stay underwater up to 70 minutes.

During nesting season, female turtles usually come ashore at night to lay their eggs. They lay between 65 and 115 eggs deep in the sand. The female turtles can have up to 11 different nests per season. They then roam the oceans for three to four years until it is time to nest again.

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Although hundreds of eggs are laid during the nesting season, only a few hatchlings survive their first year. 4 5 Humans also harvest turtle eggs, further reducing the number of hatchlings that make it out to the open sea. Those who make it are not safe from harm. 5 6 Others are killed after mistakenly swallowing broken or torn pieces of plastic in the ocean.

One of the biggest nesting areas used to be located at Rantau Abang, Terengganu but since the 1960s, the population of leatherbacks there has dropped by 99 percent. This is mainly due to too many egg collection activities carried out by humans. 6 7

- A** Male turtles, however, spend all their lives at sea.
- B** The leatherbacks are now endangered in Malaysia.
- C** The largest sea turtle is the leatherback.
- D** The leatherback population is growing steadily again.
- E** Every year, thousands of turtles get caught in fishing nets and drown.
- F** The male leatherback turtles are hunted for their skin.
- G** They can dive deeper than any turtle.
- H** As they make their way to sea, they are preyed upon by birds and monitor lizards.

Did You Know ?

Of the seven species of sea turtles found worldwide, four species nest in Malaysia.

