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Objective: Students will be able to identify the main ideas of an article from National Geographic about green sea turtles.

Instructions: Read the following article. Then, select the correct answers in the items given.

Green Sea Turtles

Green sea turtles are the world's largest species of hard-shelled sea turtle. They are up to 5 feet long and weigh up to 700 pounds. These turtles are found nesting along the coastline of more than 80 countries, with the largest nesting populations found in Costa Rica and Australia.

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Green sea turtles spend most of their lives underwater, where they can rest for up to five hours at a time before coming up for air. When active, they typically alternate between being underwater for a few minutes and coming up to the surface to breathe air for a few seconds. Green sea turtles are also known to sunbathe on land.

Unlike most other sea turtles, adult green sea turtles eat a primarily plant-based diet consisting of seaweed and sea grass. Scientists believe these green foods give the sea turtle's fat its green color. The shell of the green sea turtle is usually shades of a brown or olive color.

Similar to other sea turtles, green sea turtles migrate long distances between their feeding grounds and their nesting sites, with recorded distances longer than 1,615 miles (2,600 kilometers). They have strong paddlelike flippers that help propel them through the water.

Taken from: https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/animals/reptiles/facts/green-sea-turtle

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Reading Comprehension Items

1. The article says that green sea turtles are...

a. The largest sea turtles.

b. The largest hard-shelled sea turtles.

c. The largest turtles on earth.

2. According to the article, how long can green sea turtles rest underwater?

a. They can rest underwater for just a few minutes at a time.

b. They can rest underwater for up to five hours at a time.

c. They can rest underwater for as long as they want.

3. Scientists believe that what gives the sea turtle's fat its green color is...

a. The plant-based diet they have.

b. The environment they live in.

c. Their exposure to sunlight.

4. Green sea turtles migrate...

a. Distances that are longer than 1,615 miles.

b. Distances that are up to 1,615 miles.

c. Distances that are longer than 1,165 miles.

5. How many countries do these turtles nest in?

a. Two countries.

b. More than 80 countries.

c. Almost 80 countries.

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