Sea Turtles Vocabulary

**Carapace:** Hard upper shell

**Bridge:** Fuses the carapace and plastron of a turtle shell together

**Boil:** A group of sea turtles emerging from the nest at the same time

**Disorientation:** The condition of having losing one's sense of direction

**Egg Tooth:** A hard protuberance on the beak or jaw that is used for breaking out of the shell and is later lost

**Hatchling:** A young animal that recently hatched from its egg

**Misorientation:** The condition of confusing one direction with the other (ex. hatchlings going towards a bright street lamp instead of the ocean)

**Plastron:** The nearly flat bottom part of the shell

**Scute:** An enlarged scale on a reptile

**TED:** Turtle Excluder Device that allows captured sea turtles to escape after being caught in a fisherman's net or trap