

## Sea Turtles Vocabulary

<b>Carapace:</b>	Hard upper shell
<b>Bridge:</b>	Fuses the carapace and plastron of a turtle shell together
<b>Boil:</b>	A group of sea turtles emerging from the nest at the same time
<b>Disorientation:</b>	The condition of having losing one's sense of direction
<b>Egg Tooth:</b>	A hard protuberance on the beak or jaw that is used for breaking out of the shell and is later lost
<b>Hatchling:</b>	A young animal that recently hatched from its egg
<b>Misorientation:</b>	The condition of confusing one direction with the other (ex. hatchlings going towards a bright street lamp instead of the ocean)
<b>Plastron:</b>	The nearly flat bottom part of the shell
<b>Scute:</b>	An enlarged scale on a reptile
<b>TED:</b>	Turtle Excluder Device that allows captured sea turtles to escape after being caught in a fisherman's net or trap

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