Sea Turtle activity booklet

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Sea Turtle Body Parts

If you see me in the ocean or on the beach, please don’t touch or feed me. I know that you just want to be my friend, but I am a wild animal and I need to survive on my own. Mahalo!!!
Sea Turtle Word Search

T X N R E S P E C T G D Q P
H P E J Q G W X A R S K W L
R Q S N H M G B R E P N X A
E B T K D Q H S A P O O J S
A E A X S A O W P T N A I T
T A V S V C N J A I G A F R
E C L W K J U G C L E Q L O
N H J I X I O T E E P S I N
E W Q M M T N C E R J E P S
D X G K I U Q G E S E A P K
H A T C H L I N G A Q D E X
S C A L E S D X J R N Y R L

BASKING      NOAA
BEACH        OCEAN
CARAPACE     PLASTRON
EGGS         REPTILE
ENDANGERED   RESPECT
FLIPPER      SCALES
HATCHLING    SEA
HONU         SCUTES
LIMU         THREATENED
NEST         WILD

Please help me find the words above.

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Sea Turtle Word Scramble

Can you match the scrambled words on the left with the correct words on the right?

WMIS • NUOH • PPERILF • GSGE • PITLEIRE • SALECS • LETRUT • CANOE • PARACACE • TSEUCS • TURTLE • OCEAN • REPTILE • FLIPPER • HONU • CARAPACE • SCUTES • SCALES • EGGS • SWIM
Can you find two of the sea turtles that are EXACTLY the same?
Sea Turtle Threats

Sea Turtle survival or health may be affected by:

- **Bycatch** - Accidental catch in fishing gear (nets or hook-and-line).
- **Disease** - Tumors that grow on sea turtles' bodies.
- **Vessel strikes** - Hit by fast moving boats or jet skis.
- **Marine debris** - Man-made opala or rubbish in the ocean that a turtle might get entangled in or mistake for food.
- **Loss of nesting habitat** - Beaches affected by human activities (such as development or driving cars on beaches), sea level rise and climate change.
- **Predators** - Sharks, large fish, crabs, and sea birds.
- **Illegal hunting** - Taking their eggs or capturing sea turtles for food.
- **Human disturbance** - Chasing, touching, feeding, or riding sea turtles.

What can YOU do to help?

- **Enjoy turtles from a distance**. For your safety and theirs, please do not feed, chase or touch them.
- **Help keep beaches clean** – recycle or throw away your trash.
- **Avoid releasing balloons into the air**. They can end up in the ocean where sea turtles and other animals may accidentally eat them.
- **Use barbless circle hooks when fishing**.
- **Report entangled, injured or dead sea turtles to the NOAA Marine Turtle Stranding Program**: 808-725-5730 (Oahu)
Sea Turtle Species Found in Hawaii

Fun Facts About Sea Turtles

- Sea turtles typically inhabit tropical and subtropical waters.
- Although sea turtles spend most of their lives in the ocean, they still need air to breathe.
- Sea turtles are reptiles. They are cold-blooded animals that lay eggs.
- 5 species of sea turtles are found in Hawaiian waters.

Hawksbill

Hawaiian Green Sea Turtle

Olive Ridley

Loggerhead

Leatherback