

Turtles and Tigers

English Effective Communication

PROCEDURE

Divide the class into pairs. Give each student a copy of either the A or B reading sheets. The students read the short articles silently by themselves and use a dictionary or consult the teacher if they don't understand a word or phrase. After the students have read and understood the articles, the teacher takes the articles away. Then student A will communicate what was in A's article to student B, and student B will communicate what was in B's article to A. Then all of the students take a test to see how much information they were able to communicate.



Leatherback Turtles

All over the world, the eight species of sea turtles are endangered. Endangered means that there are very few left, so they might become extinct.

The leatherback is the largest sea turtle and can grow to be about 2 meters long. The leatherback turtle's primary diet is jellyfish, although it eats fish, mollusks, and other sea creatures. They are born on land but live their lives in water. The male leatherbacks never return to land after they are born and the females only return to land to lay eggs.

Tasmanian Tigers

Have you ever heard of the Tasmanian tiger? You probably haven't ever seen one and you probably never will because it is extinct. Extinct means that they have all died and there are no more in the world.

Actually, the Tasmanian tiger was not a tiger. It was meat-eating marsupial. A marsupial is an animal like a kangaroo. Tasmanian tigers have stripes on their backs, which makes them look a little like tigers. And that's why they are called tigers.

The Tasmanian tiger lived in Australia, New Guinea, and



The leatherbacks, like all sea turtles, are endangered. There are many reasons why they have become endangered. One cause of endangerment is that many humans and animals think they are a delicious food. Another reason is that humans hunt the adult sea turtles all over the world. They use the skin to make bags and clothes. Another cause is habitat loss. More and more, people are using the beaches where sea turtles lay eggs. The sea turtles are easily disturbed by noise and lights.

A fourth cause is irresponsible fishing. Shrimp fishermen often catch sea turtles in their nets. The sea turtles drown when

the island of Tasmania. But it is now extinct in all three places.

Tasmanian tigers went extinct in Australia because of competition from the Dingoes, a kind of wild dog. About 2000 years ago, the Tasmanian tigers were extinct in Australia.

Tasmanian tigers went extinct on the Island of Tasmania in the 1930s. Sheep farmers hunted them because the Tasmanian tigers were killing sheep. The last known Tasmanian tiger died in 1936 in a zoo.

But are they really extinct? Every year, a few people claim to see one on the Island of Tasmania. And local tribesmen



that happens.

Finally, pollution on the oceans kills many turtles every year.

Turtles confuse floating plastic garbage with jellyfish and eat the garbage. But they can't digest the garbage so they die.

on the New Guinea also say that they have seen some in the mountains. But nobody has been able to prove that they are still alive.

(1) How many species of sea turtles are there?

(2) What sea turtle does the article talk about?

(3) What do these turtles primarily eat?

(4) How often does the male turtle return to land?

(1) What animal does the article talk about?

(2) What kind of animal is it?

(3) Why are they called tigers?

(4) What three places did they live?

(5) When did they become extinct in Australia?

(5) When do the females return to land?

(6) Why do humans kill turtles?

(7) What easily disturbs the turtles?

(8) What kind of fishermen kill many turtles?

(9) How does pollution kill the turtles?

(10) How big can leatherback turtles grow?

(6) Why did they become extinct in Australia?

(7) When did they become extinct in Tasmania?

(8) Why did they become extinct in Tasmania?

(9) Where did the last Tasmanian tiger die?

(10) Why do some people think that they are not extinct?