



**Essential Question**  
**How can people help animals survive?**



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# Saving ANIMALS

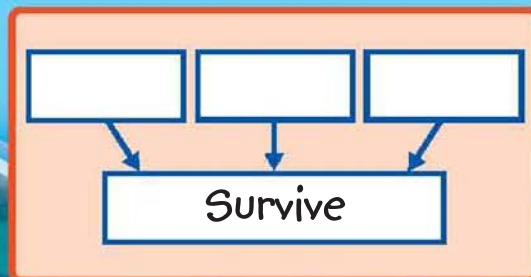
These manatees look healthy and happy, but sometimes they need help. We can help threatened animals, like manatees, survive.

- ▶ We can protect their habitats.
- ▶ We can keep their habitats clean.
- ▶ We can join special groups that help animals.

## Talk About It



Write words you have learned about what animals need to survive. Talk with a partner about things you can do to save animals.



# Vocabulary

Use the picture and the sentence to talk with a partner about each word.



## caretakers

The **caretakers** at the zoo feed the penguins every day.

*What would caretakers for a horse do?*



## population

There is a large **population** of flamingos living in the pond.

*Name another animal population that might live in a pond.*



## recognized

Nola **recognized** herself in the mirror.

*What is another word for recognized?*



## relatives

We invited friends and **relatives** to our picnic.

*How do you spend time with your relatives?*



### resources

Plants need **resources**, such as sunlight and fresh air, to grow.

What resources do people need?



### success

Jill's performance was a **success**.

Tell about a success you have had.



### survive

Animals need water to **survive**.

What are some other things animals need to survive?



### threatened

The wildfire **threatened** the trees.

Describe a time when a storm threatened your plans.

## Your Turn

COLLABORATE



Pick three words. Write three questions for your partner to answer.

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# KIDS to the Rescue!



Olivia and Carter Ries,  
founders of One More Generation.



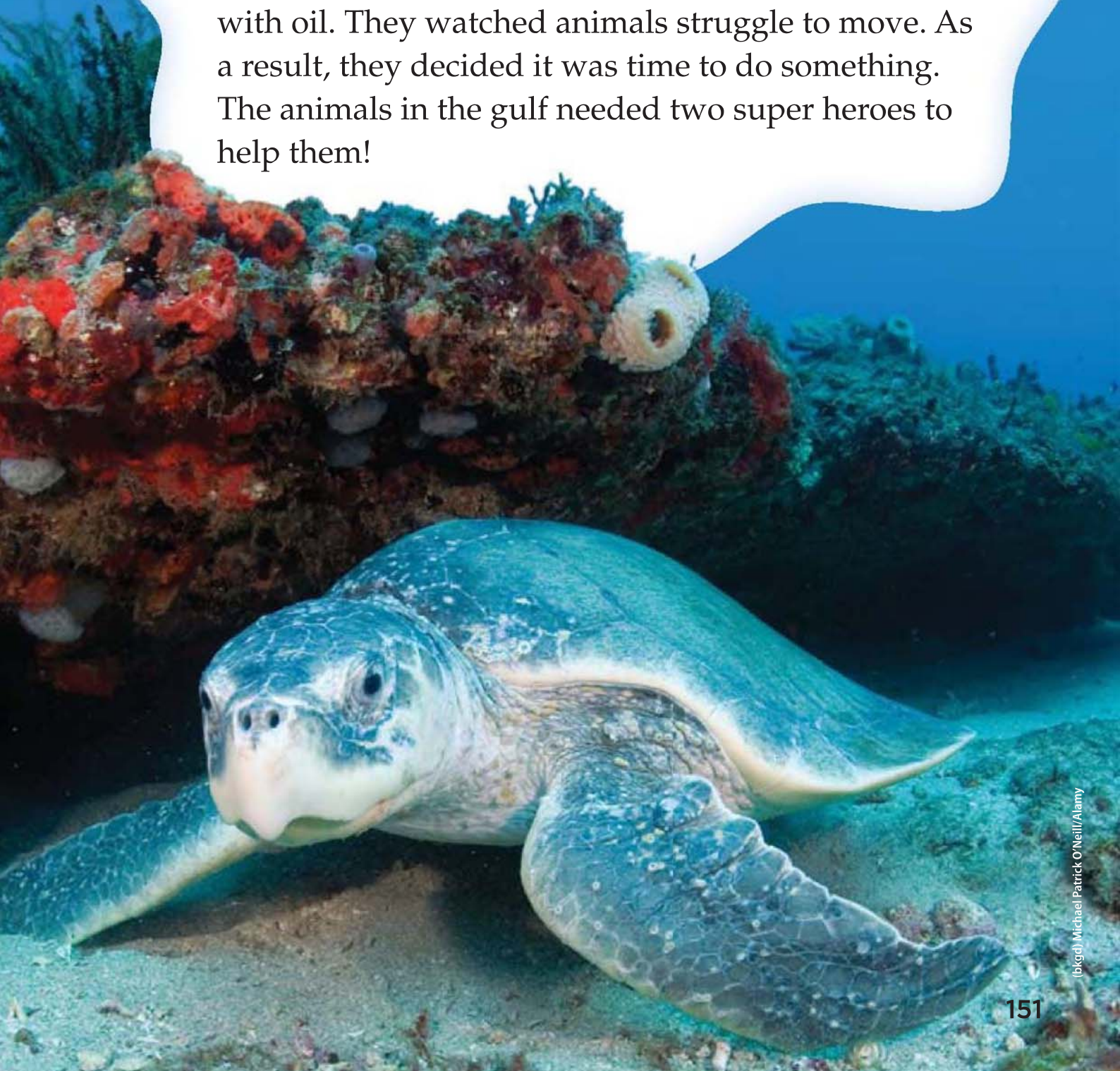
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animals survive?

Read how two children helped  
sea turtles survive an oil spill.

What a mess! There was dark, gooey oil everywhere. It slid across the water. It coated rocks and sand. It made swimming hard for sharks and dolphins. The oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico was making animals sick and helpless.

Two kids from a small town in Georgia watched the news. They saw pictures of sea turtles coated with oil. They watched animals struggle to move. As a result, they decided it was time to do something. The animals in the gulf needed two super heroes to help them!



## Olivia and Carter to the Rescue!

Meet Olivia and Carter Ries. They started a group that works to save animals. Olivia was seven years old, and Carter, her brother, was eight-and-a-half. They named their group One More Generation. They want animals to be around for kids in the future.

Olivia and Carter believe everyone can make a difference. They are sending an important message. Their message is that everyone can help animals.

Olivia and Carter watched oil spread for miles across the gulf. More and more animals were getting sick. The Kemp's ridley turtle was one of them. There are only a few thousand left in the world. They are endangered, and their **population** is getting smaller and smaller. The oil **threatened** to ruin their homes and their habitat.

**Olivia and Carter Ries learned how oil harms Kemp's ridley turtles.**



This female turtle is clean and healthy. It is being returned to the gulf.



## Oil Spoils Everything

Olivia and Carter learned that the female turtles were swimming across the gulf to Mexico. They were going to lay eggs on the beaches there. But the thick oil destroyed the **resources** the turtles need to live. The harmful oil covered the sand. It made it hard for them to swim.

Sea turtles **survive** by eating seaweed, jellyfish, and small sea animals. The oil spill spoiled their food, too. Without food, the turtles die.



## Saving the Sea Turtles

Olivia and Carter **recognized** how big the problem was. The turtles needed help. First they made a thoughtful plan. Then they called a rescue group in New Orleans. They found out that the workers needed useful cleaning supplies and wipes. Next, the kids asked friends, **relatives**, and people in their town to help. They told them how the donations would help remove oil from the turtles.

Olivia and Carter collected supplies for four months. They rode with their parents to New Orleans. They carried the supplies with them. Then the kids watched **caretakers** clean hundreds of sea turtles. With the help of many people, the turtles were soon spotless. Olivia and Carter's plan worked. It was a huge **success!**



## Keeping Busy

Olivia and Carter work with many other groups to help animals all over the world. They give talks at museums and schools. They ask community leaders to support laws that help animals. They help rescue animals in danger.

Olivia and Carter are truly super heroes to endangered animals. With their help, many animals will survive for one more generation.



### Ways You Can Help Animals!

- Protect animal nests.
- Pick up trash at parks and wild places.
- Keep water clean.
- Stop using plastic bags.

**Carter and his mom unpack supplies in New Orleans.**

## Make Connections



Describe the steps that Olivia and Carter took to help the Kemp's ridley sea turtles. **ESSENTIAL QUESTION**

What can you and your friends do to help animals? **TEXT TO SELF**