

# Lesson 2:

## A visit to the Sea Turtle Rescue Centre

### 1 Warm - up

☀ What do you know about the caretta caretta sea turtle? Where does it live? What does it eat? What does it look like? What are the threats against it?

### 2 Listen, read and find

Andrew, Nick, Sophia and Betty are at the Sea Turtle Rescue Centre. They are watching a video about the Sea Turtle. Listen, read and find out: "Where does caretta caretta lay its eggs?"



..... the loggerhead sea turtle or caretta caretta lives in the Mediterranean Sea and nests in Greece. It is about one metre long and weighs about a hundred kilos. Its shell is red-brown, it has got lungs and breathes air and moves with its front and rear flippers. It lays its eggs on land, on beaches in Zakynthos, Peloponnesus and Crete. Each sea turtle lays about 115 eggs every two or three years, but there are many dangers for the baby turtles. Only one out of a thousand baby sea turtles survives and there are only about 4,000 caretta caretta sea turtles in Greece today.....



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You've got 1 minute to find the secret word. It's one of the dangers for caretta caretta. Write the word:..... Then, count the letters and write down your score:.....

3  New words!





Look at the information about the loggerhead sea turtle and match the phrases:



- |                             |                                  |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1) caretta caretta lives    | a hundred kilos                  |
| 2) caretta caretta lays     | with its front and rear flippers |
| 3) caretta caretta breathes | in the Mediterranean Sea         |
| 4) caretta caretta nests    | its eggs on land                 |
| 5) caretta caretta moves    | air                              |
| 6) caretta caretta weighs   | in Greece                        |

Now, answer these questions.

Use: **Yes, it does/No, it doesn't**

-  Does a caretta caretta live in the Mediterranean Sea?
-  Does a caretta caretta move with its legs?
-  Does a caretta caretta nest in China?
-  Does a caretta caretta weigh a hundred kilos?



4  Listen and write

Listen to the information about the seal *Monachus monachus*, an endangered species and fill in the blanks. Use these words:

**fish, 300, grey, Mediterranean, forty-five, one, Greece, three, brown**

***Monachus monachus***

*Monachus monachus* lives in the.....Sea. Its colour is ..... or..... It lives ..... years. It is ..... metres long and weighs ..... kilos. It eats ....., octupuses and squid. It has ..... baby (pup). There are only 250 *Monachus monachus* seals in ..... today.  
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Read and write

This information is about the caretta caretta. Read it and fill in the blanks. Use these words, **but be careful!** You may have to **change the word!**

*lay, come, run, travel, weigh, live, be*

## ΤΑΥΤΟΤΗΤΑ

**Επιστημονικό όνομα:** Caretta caretta

**Κοινό όνομα:** Χελώνα Καρέττα,

Θαλασσοχελώνα

**Βάρος:** Περίπου 90 κιλά

**Μήκος:** Περίπου 1 μέτρο

**Χρώμα:** Το όστρακο της είναι κόκκινο-καφέ

**Βιότοπος:** Ζάκυνθος, παραλίες Δ.

Πελοποννήσου, Κρήτη, Κεφαλονιά, Ρόδος

**Αναπαραγωγή:** 115 αυγά κατά μέσο όρο ανά

γέννα, με περίοδο επώασης έως 66 ημέρες

**Κύριες απειλές:** Καταστροφή ή υποβάθμιση των

περιοχών ωτοκίας λόγω ανεξέλεγκτης

τουριστικής ανάπτυξης, εμπλοκή σε αλιευτικά

εργαλεία, ρύπανση των θαλασσών

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■ Οι θαλάσσιες χελώνες ενηλικιώνονται ύστερα από 20-30 χρόνια και ζουν ως και 100 χρόνια.

■ Η καρέττα φτάνει τα 80-90 εκατοστά μήκος και ζυγίζει ως και 100 κιλά.

■ Η φωλιά έχει 30-50 εκατοστά βάθος. Τα αυγά έχουν μαλακό κέλυφος με σχήμα και μέγεθος μπάλας του πιγκ-πονγκ.

■ Κάθε 2 με 3 χρόνια η μητέρα χελώνα γεννάει ως και τέσσερις φορές το ίδιο καλοκαίρι, από 80 ως 110 αυγά τη φορά στη διάρκεια της νύχτας.

■ Τα χελωνάκια, σε περίπου δύο μήνες, βγαίνουν από τη φωλιά μετά τη δύση του ήλιου ή τα ξημερώματα.

■ Η φωτεινή γραμμή του ορίζοντα και η κλίση της παραλίας τα βοηθούν να τρέξουν προς τη θάλασσα.

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- ☀ A sea turtle ..... a hundred years
- ☀ It ..... 90-100 kilos
- ☀ The colour of its shell ..... red-brown
- ☀ It ..... to beaches on Zakynthos, Crete, Kefalonia, Rhodes and Peloponnesus
- ☀ It ..... about 80-115 eggs
- ☀ A baby sea turtle ..... out of the egg hole in the night or very early in the morning
- ☀ A baby turtle ..... to the sea



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6 😊 Let's play!

Which animal is it?

Play this game in pairs.

**Student A:** Think of one of the animals in the box, but don't tell your partner which one. He/she asks questions to find out.

**Student B:** Try to find which animal your partner is thinking of. Ask questions. Look at this example:

**Student B:** Does it live in the Mediterranean Sea?

**Student A:** No, it doesn't.

**Student B:** Does it live on mountains in Pindos and Rodopi?

**Student A:** Yes, it does.

.....  
**Student B:** So, it's the .....



	<i>It lives</i>	<i>It eats</i>	<i>It weighs</i>
<b>Giant panda</b>	China	bamboo	125 kilos
<b>Sumatran Tiger</b>	Indonesia	wild pigs, deer	140 kilos
<b>Monachus monachus</b>	The Mediterranean Sea	small fish, octopuses, squid	300 kilos
<b>Brown Bear</b>	Mountains in Pindos and Rodopi	grass, roots, ants, fish	250 kilos
<b>Wolf</b>	Mountains in Pindos and Rodopi	deer, wild pigs, wild goats, sheep, goats, cows, rabbits, grass	40 kilos
<b>Dolphin</b>	The Mediterranean Sea	small fish	110 kilos
<b>Wild goat</b>	Mountains in Pindos and Rodopi	grass, tree leaves	40 kilos

**Note:** 100=one hundred, 200=two hundred, 250=two hundred and fifty

