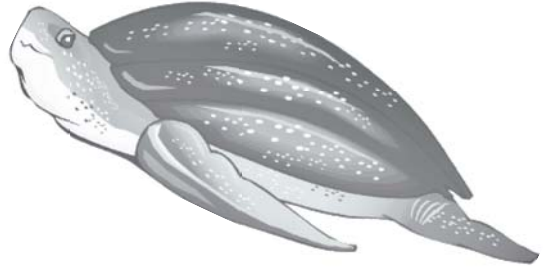


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# What's the Big Idea?

What are leatherback turtles super at? Swimming! Get ready to show off a super skill of your own—finding the **main idea**. The main idea tells you what the text is mostly about. Read each paragraph about leatherback turtles below. Then fill in the circle next to the sentence that best describes the paragraph's main idea. Have a swimmingly good time!



<p>Leatherback turtles are the largest species of turtle. They can grow up to about 7 feet long. Leatherbacks spend most of their lives in the sea.</p>	<p>1. What is the main idea of this paragraph?                  Ⓐ Leatherback turtles can be about 7 feet long.                  Ⓑ Leatherbacks live in water.                  Ⓒ Leatherbacks are big.</p>
<p>Scientists watched leatherback turtles in Gabon. They wanted to learn where the turtles migrate. The experts attached small tracking tools to the turtles so they could follow them.</p>	<p>2. What is the main idea of this paragraph?                  Ⓐ Researchers wanted to find the turtles.                  Ⓑ Researchers wanted to know about the turtles' travels.                  Ⓒ Researchers used tools to find the turtles in Gabon.</p>
<p>Some of the turtles swam from Africa to South America. They traveled in a nearly straight line. The trip took the creatures about 150 days.</p>	<p>3. What is the main idea of this paragraph?                  Ⓐ Leatherback turtles can swim in a nearly straight line.                  Ⓑ It takes a long time to swim from Africa to South America.                  Ⓒ Some of the turtles traveled from Africa to South America.</p>
<p>The turtles need help. Leatherbacks face threats including hunting and fishing. Some fisheries catch the turtles by mistake.</p>	<p>4. What is the main idea of this paragraph?                  Ⓐ Leatherback turtles are in danger.                  Ⓑ Hunting and fishing can hurt turtles.                  Ⓒ Fisheries sometimes catch turtles.</p>

**ANSWERS**

**What's the Big Idea?**

1. C

2. B

3. C

4. A