



Box Turtles
and Other Pond and Marsh Turtles





ANIMALS OF THE WORLD

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What kind of personality might a box turtle have? What does a box turtle eat? For how long can box turtles live? Read *Box Turtles and Other Pond and Marsh Turtles* to find out!

What did you learn?

QUESTIONS

- 1. A turtle is a ...
 - a. Mammal
 - b. Fish
 - c. Bird
 - d. Reptile
- 2. One of the building blocks of bone and shell is ...
 - a. Calcium
 - b. Hydrogen
 - c. Zinc
 - d. Neon
- 3. Turtle eggs hatch in ...
 - a. 60 to 75 days
 - b. 70 to 85 days
 - c. 80 to 95 days
 - d. 90 to 105 days
- 4. Box turtles can live ...
 - a. 10 to 20 years
 - b. 20 to 30 years
 - c. 30 to 40 years
 - d. 40 to 50 years
- 5. What type of turtle is this?
 
- 6. What type of turtle is this?
 

TRUE OR FALSE?

- _____ 1. Box turtles live in the wild in North America and Asia.
- _____ 2. A healthy turtle will feel hollow when you pick it up in your hands.
- _____ 3. Pet box turtles need a mix of dried food and fresh food.
- _____ 4. Box turtles are warm-blooded.
- _____ 5. Turtles need exercise every day.
- _____ 6. Tortoises are strictly land animals.

ANSWERS

- 1. d. Reptile.** According to section "What Is a Pond and Marsh Turtle?" on page 6, we know that "Turtles are reptiles, a kind of cold-blooded animal." So, the correct answer is D.
- 2. a. Calcium.** According to section "What Are Some Special Dietary Needs of Box Turtles?" on page 20, we know that "Calcium is a building block of bone and shell." So, the correct answer is A.
- 3. b. 70 to 85 days.** According to section "What Should You Do If Your Box Turtle Lays Eggs?" on page 38, we know that "The eggs will hatch in about 70 to 85 days." So, the correct answer is B.
- 4. c. 30 to 40 years.** According to section "For How Long Can Box Turtles Live?" on page 54, we know that "If given proper care, a box turtle can easily live 30 to 40 years." So, the correct answer is C.
- 5.** According to page 47, this photo shows a red-eared slider.
- 6.** According to page 51, this photo shows a map turtle.

TRUE OR FALSE? ANSWERS

- 1. True.** According to section "Where Do Some Types of Box Turtles Live in the Wild?" on page 10, we know that "Box turtles live in the wild in North America and Asia." So, the correct answer is True.
- 2. False.** According to section "What Should You Look for When Choosing a Box Turtle?" on page 14, we know that "A healthy turtle feels solid and heavy in your hands. If the turtle feels 'hollow,' it may be malnourished (underfed) or dehydrated (in need of water)." So, the correct answer is False.
- 3. True.** According to section "What Does a Box Turtle Eat?" on page 18, we know that "You can buy dried food, such as commercial turtle 'chow,' but it is good to supplement this with fresh foods." So, the correct answer is True.
- 4. False.** According to section "Why Is Heat Important to a Box Turtle?" on page 28, we know that "Box turtles are cold-blooded." So, the correct answer is False.
- 5. True.** According to section "What Does a Box Turtle Eat?" on page 34, we know that "Most living creatures benefit from exercise. Turtles are no exception." So, the correct answer is True.
- 6. True.** According to section "What Is the Difference Between Turtles and Tortoises?" on page 42, we know that "Tortoises are turtles that are strictly land animals." So, the correct answer is True.