

Turtle Watch

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Level 21

Running Words 642 Text Type Narrative

Curriculum Areas English (Literacy, Literature, Language); Science (Biological Sciences); Humanities (Civics and Citizenship)

Retelling to Encourage Critical Thinking About the Content

Ask each student to retell the story in their own words.

Record the retelling for further discussion and reflection.

Questions to Reinforce Meaning and Stimulate Discussion

Literal

- 1 How do the volunteers show where there is a turtle's nest on the beach?
- 2 Why are pieces of mesh used to cover a nest?
- 3 Why did Annie tell the children to walk beside the hatchlings on the beach?

Inferential

- 4 Why do the foxes hunt turtles?
- 5 Where would the foxes wait to get the hatchlings at night?
- 6 Why did the volunteers on the beach sing songs and tell stories before they went to sleep?
- 7 What caused the sand on top of the turtle's nest to move?
- 8 What do you think the children will do when they visit Grandma and Grandpa the following year? Why?

Applied Knowledge

- 9 Why was the turtle's nest at a high spot on the beach?
- 10 Do you think all the turtles from the nest will survive? Why?

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Chapter 1

Turtle Nests

Amelia and Jay had been looking forward to the summer holidays.

Their grandma and grandpa had just moved to an island, and Amelia and Jay had come to stay with them.



Grandma and Grandpa's house was on a quiet beach.

On the first morning of Amelia and Jay's visit, everyone had breakfast on the verandah.

Amelia and Jay could see several people walking slowly along the beach.



One of the people pointed at a spot high on the beach.
All of the others ran towards the place
where she was pointing.

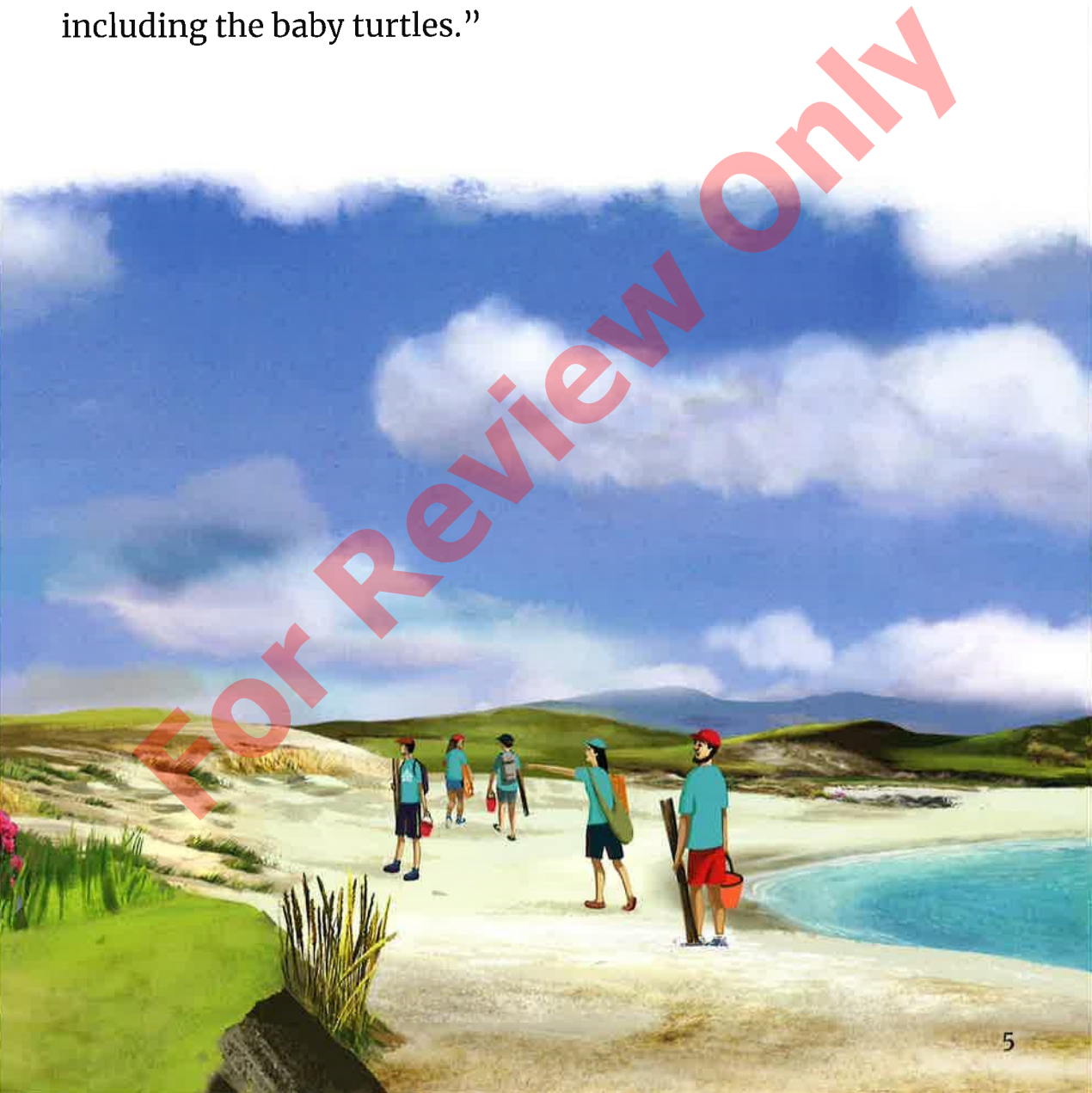
“What are they doing?” asked Jay.

“Ah, they’re marking a green turtle’s nest with a sign,”
said Grandpa.

“Really?” asked Amelia. “Why?”



“There is a problem with foxes,” said Grandma.
“People brought them here, years ago.
Now, the foxes hunt native wildlife –
including the baby turtles.”



“Those people on the beach are volunteers,” said Grandpa.

“They try to protect the baby turtles.

They put signs on the beach to show where the nests are.
Then they cover each nest with a piece of mesh,
so foxes can’t dig up the eggs and eat them.”

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