

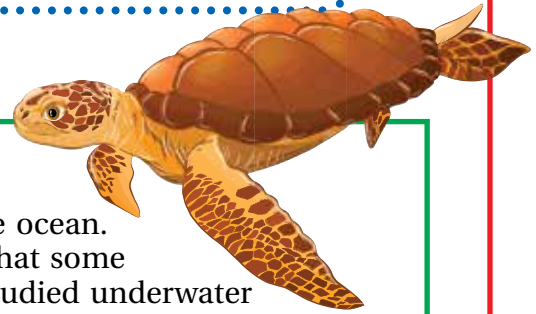
Name: _____

Be the Editor!

Editors revise writing to make it even better. Review the strategies for revising sentences below. Then use them to help you revise the article “Grabbing a Bite.”

How to Revise Sentences

1. **Show, don't tell!** Help readers picture your words in their minds by using adjectives and descriptive details.
2. **Pump up the verbs.** Show actions in ways that grab your readers' attention.
3. **Use linking words.** Mix up the length of your sentences. Try making some sentences longer or shorter. Combine two short sentences with words like *and* or *but*.



Grabbing a Bite

Sea turtles use their flippers as they swim through the ocean. But experts recently made a discovery. They learned that some turtles catch dinner with them. A team of scientists studied underwater videos and photos of sea turtles from all over the world. They noticed sea turtles using their front flippers to find food. Some used them to find clams on the ocean floor. Others sweep bits of food into their mouths. Some turtles even held jellyfish in place while they took a bite. Scientists say it's a mystery how sea turtles learned these skills. They are interested in finding out more.

1 Add an adjective before *flippers* and *ocean*.

Sea turtles use their _____ flippers as they swim through the _____ ocean.

2 Pump up the verb *find*.

Some used them to _____ clams on the ocean floor.

3 Add an adjective before *mouths*.

Others sweep bits of food into their _____ mouths.

4 Use a linking word to connect two sentences.

Scientists say it's a mystery how sea turtles learned these skills, _____ they are interested in finding out more.

Name: _____

Are You a Problem Solver?

After reading “Can Cows Change the Climate?,” use the graphic organizer below to describe the main problem and solution in the article. Then brainstorm ways you can help.



Problem

What is the main problem?

List one detail about the problem.

- _____

Solution

How are scientists trying to solve the problem?

List one detail about their solution.

- _____



What are some things you can do to help the planet?

- _____

- _____

- _____

To be used with the April 13, 2020, issue

Name: _____

Close-Reading Questions

Refer to “Can Cows Change The Climate?” to respond to the questions below. Reread the article to find details that support your answers. Remember to write in complete sentences.

1. Why has Earth’s temperature been rising faster lately?

2. Summarize why cows are gassy.

3. Explain the diagram on page 3.

Name: _____

Close-Reading Questions

Refer to “Stop That Thief!” to respond to the questions below. Reread the article to find details that support your answers. Remember to write in complete sentences.

1. Why do poachers steal turtle eggs?

2. How did Kim Williams-Guillén make the InvestEGGator seem authentic?

3. How does the sidebar “How Does GPS work?” relate to the article?

To be used with the April 13, 2020, issue

Name: _____

Be a Quiz Whiz!

For each question below, fill in the circle next to the correct answer.

Can Cows Change the Climate?

Pages 2-3

1 Part A According to the article, scientists ____.

- Ⓐ aren't concerned with the climate
- Ⓑ say human activity doesn't affect the climate
- Ⓒ think cows are mainly responsible for climate change
- Ⓓ hope to lower cows' role in climate change

2 Part B Which detail best supports the answer to question 1?

- Ⓐ "Earth's climate changes naturally over time."
- Ⓑ "Cows are gassy because of the way they ..."
- Ⓒ "U.S. farmers raise about 94 million cows ..."
- Ⓓ "Some are developing a shot that will help cows digest food ..."

3 Which detail supports the idea that cows are only "part of the problem"?

- Ⓐ "But lately, temperatures have been rising ..."
- Ⓑ "Cows are gassy because of the way they digest food."
- Ⓒ "... cows, sheep, and other livestock cause nearly 4 percent of the greenhouse gases made in the U.S."
- Ⓓ "We are seeing some success stories ..."

Stop That Thief! Pages 4-5

4 Sea turtle eggs ____.

- Ⓐ all have GPS trackers in them
- Ⓑ have been stolen and sold by poachers
- Ⓒ are laid in the ocean
- Ⓓ are all made out of plastic

5 What is the main idea of "Brighter Future"?

- Ⓐ Fake eggs could help sea turtle populations.
- Ⓑ Paso Pacifico is a wildlife protection group.
- Ⓒ Sea turtles lay eggs in Costa Rica.
- Ⓓ Sea turtle populations have increased.

6 How is the text structured?

- Ⓐ The text presents a problem and a solution.
- Ⓑ The facts are presented in time order.
- Ⓒ The sections describe different opinions.
- Ⓓ The text compares and contrasts two things.

Take the Earth Day Challenge Page 6

7 Which question does the infographic not answer?

- Ⓐ How can we reduce greenhouse gases?
- Ⓑ Why do some recyclables end up in landfills?
- Ⓒ When did Earth Day begin?
- Ⓓ How do trees help the environment?

8 Which statement does the infographic support?

- Ⓐ Plastic bags are not harmful to Earth.
- Ⓑ Recycling is the only way to protect Earth.
- Ⓒ Worldwide changes are impossible to make.
- Ⓓ Small actions can make a difference.

Next Stop, Mars! Page 7

9 Based on the last paragraph, readers can infer that astronauts ____.

- Ⓐ will ride the rover on the surface of Mars
- Ⓑ plan to go to Mars one day
- Ⓒ have gone to Mars before
- Ⓓ know everything there is to know about Mars

Hungry Bugs Page 7

10 Which statement summarizes the harm that desert locusts cause?

- Ⓐ Desert locusts lay more eggs during rainy weather.
- Ⓑ The bugs travel in swarms.
- Ⓒ Desert locusts can be found in African countries.
- Ⓓ The bugs destroy crops that are meant for humans.