

"Turtle Tales: Tara, Tito, and the Turtle Tumult!"

Pets or predators? climate
change and invasion risk of
red- eared slider
(*Trachemys scripta elegans*)

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Once upon a time in the lush and diverse landscapes of the Brahmaputra River basin in northeast India,

two native turtles, TILO the Ganges Softshell Turtle and TARA the Nilssonina leithi, were enjoying a quiet

afternoon by the riverbank. They were basking in the warm sun, their shells glistening in the gentle

breeze

Tara: Hey Tito, have you heard about a new turtle in our pond? They say it's not from here!

Tito: Really, Tara? Let's find out! I heard there's an old turtle named Terrance who knows a lot. I'll go talk

to him!

Underwater adventure as Tito swims to Terrance's spot.

Tito: Hi, Terrance! Tara and I heard about a new turtle, the Red-eared Slider. What's the big deal?

Terrance: Ah, Tito! The Red-eared Slider is like a guest from far away. it seems humans find them

fascinating and keep them as pets. But what concerns me is that they are not native to our region, and

there are talks of them invading our habitats.

Tara: invading ? What kind of invading ?

Terrance: Well, these Red-eared Sliders are known to be invasive species. They come from faraway lands,

like the Mississippi River basin in North America, and now they are making their way into our homes.

There are predictions that their numbers might increase with changing climates, posing a threat to our

biodiversity. they might eat our food, take our space, and even make us sick! We need to be careful and

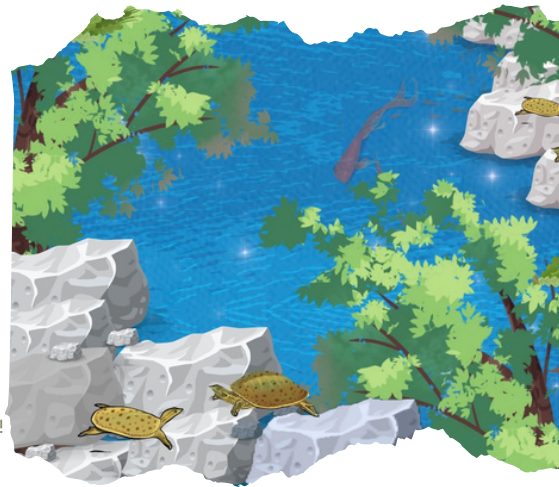
protect our home.

Tara and Tito swim back to their pond, determined to share what they've

learned.

Tara: Tito, we need to tell everyone about the Red-eared Slider! Let's form a Turtle Task Force

Tito : That sounds cool! But how do we do that?



Tara: We'll talk to all our turtle friends and make sure everyone knows about the tricky turtle. We'll work together to keep our pond safe.

They gather their turtle friends for a meeting.

Tito: Attention, everyone! Tara and I learned about a turtle called the Red-eared Slider. It's not from here, and we need to protect our home!

Tara: We're starting a Turtle Task Force! We'll watch out for the tricky turtle and make sure it doesn't cause problems.

Tito : But we need all of you to help. Let's be the guardians of our pond!

The Turtle Task Force spreads the word, even reaching the humans who live nearby.

Terrance: Good job, Tara and Tito! Now, let's talk to the people around us. They can help too.

Tara: We'll tell them about responsible pet ownership, so no more tricky turtles end up in our pond.

Together, Turtle Task Force advice on how to engage with humans and convey the importance of protecting their native habitats from invasive species like the Red-eared Slider. Tito shared stories of successful conservation efforts in other parts of the world and suggested that education and awareness could be powerful tools in this endeavor.

Tito: And we'll ask them to support laws to keep our home safe! And so, with newfound determination, Turtle Task Force set out to engage with humans, sharing their insights and concerns about invasive species, hoping to make a difference in preserving the rich biodiversity of their home. The turtles believed that through collaboration with humans, they could ensure a harmonious coexistence between native species and the ever-changing world around them

The turtles, together with the humans, work hand in hand to protect their pond

Narrator: And so, Tara, Tito, and their friends became heroes, keeping their home safe from tricky turtles. They showed everyone that when turtles and people work together, they can make a big difference!

Tara: Our pond is happy and healthy because we all took care of it.

Tito: And maybe one day, other ponds will follow our example!

In the end with Tara, Tito, and Turtle Task Force happily swimming in their protected pond, inspiring young turtles and humans to care for nature



Exercise 1

Fill in the Blanks

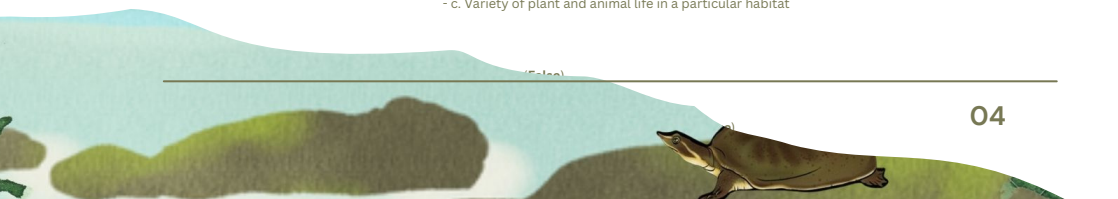
1. Once upon a time in the lush and diverse landscapes of the Brahmaputra River basin in northeast India, _____, TILO the Ganges Softshell Turtle and TARA the Nilssonia leithi, were enjoying a quiet afternoon by the riverbank.
2. Tara: Hey Tito, have you heard about a new turtle in our pond? They say it's not from here!
Tito: Really, Tara? Let's find out! I heard there's an old turtle named _____ who knows a lot. I'll go talk to him!
3. Tito: Hi, Terrance! Tara and I heard about a new turtle, the Red-eared Slider. What's the big deal?
Terrance: Ah, Tito! The Red-eared Slider is like a guest from far away. It seems humans find them fascinating and keep them as pets. But what concerns me is that they are not native to our region, and there are talks of them invading our habitats.
4. Tara and Tito swim back to their pond, determined to share what they've learned.
Tara: Tito, we need to tell everyone about the Red-eared Slider! Let's form a _____.
5. They gather their turtle friends for a meeting.
Tito: Attention, everyone! Tara and I learned about a turtle called the Red-eared Slider. It's not from here, and we need to protect our home!
Tara: We're starting a _____! We'll watch out for the tricky turtle and make sure it doesn't cause problems.
6. Tito: But we need all of you to help. Let's be the guardians of our pond!
Terrance: Good job, Tara and Tito! Now, let's talk to the people around us. They can help too.
Tara: We'll tell them about responsible pet ownership, so no more tricky turtles end up in our pond.
7. Together, Turtle Task Force advice on how to engage with humans and convey the importance of protecting their native habitats from invasive species like the Red-eared Slider. _____ shared stories of successful conservation efforts in other parts of the world and suggested that education and awareness could be powerful tools in this endeavor.
8. Tito: And we'll ask them to support laws to keep our home safe! And so, with newfound determination, _____ set out to engage with humans, sharing their insights and concerns about invasive species, hoping to make a difference in preserving the rich biodiversity of their home.

Who said to Whom

1. "Hey Tito, have you heard about a new turtle in our pond? They say it's not from here!"
2. "Hi, Terrance! Tara and I heard about a new turtle, the Red-eared Slider. What's the big deal?"
3. "Tito, we need to tell everyone about the Red-eared Slider! Let's form a Turtle Task Force."
4. "Attention, everyone! Tara and I learned about a turtle called the Red-eared Slider. It's not from here, and we need to protect our home!"
5. "Good job, Tara and Tito! Now, let's talk to the people around us. They can help too."
6. "And we'll ask them to support laws to keep our home safe! And so, with newfound determination, Turtle Task Force set out to engage with humans."

Match the words with their meanings:

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|-----------------|---|
| 1. Invasive | - e. Living together peacefully |
| 2. Biodiversity | - d. Protecting and preserving natural resources |
| 3. Conservation | - a. Native to the region |
| 4. Harmonious | - b. Unwanted and harmful |
| 5. Coexistence | - c. Variety of plant and animal life in a particular habitat |

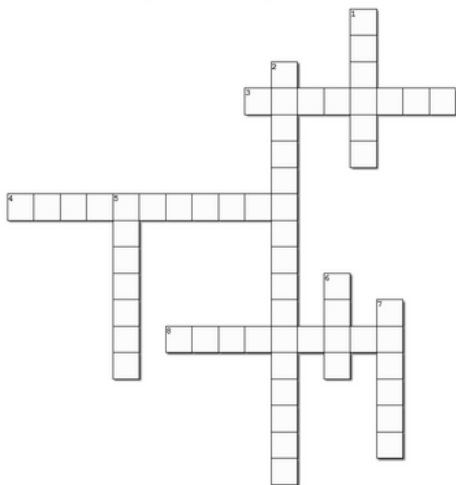


Exercise 2

turtle tale

Complete the crossword puzzle below

Name: _____



Across

3. The old turtle who knows a lot. (8 letters)
4. The river where the turtles live. (9 letters)
8. The type of turtle Tara is. (7 letters)

Down

1. The Turtle Task Force wants to engage with _____. (6 letters)
2. The invasive species of turtle from North America. (14 letters)
5. The turtles gather their friends for a _____. (7 letters)
6. The Turtle Task Force aims to protect their _____. (4 letters)
7. The Red-eared Slider is not _____ to the Brahmaputra River basin. (6 letters)



Exercise 3

Turtle Task Force Word Scramble

Unscramble the letters to find words related to the Turtle Task Force:

- ABPKASN (Hint: Native to the region)
- ROGTUEH (Hint: Protecting and preserving natural resources)
- NEICVTA (Hint: Living together peacefully)
- NAAISTEV (Hint: The type of turtle Tara is)

Create Your Turtle Friend

Draw and color your unique turtle friend! Give it a name and write a short description of its personality and special abilities.

Turtle Task Force Acrostic Poem

Create an acrostic poem using the words "Turtle Task Force." Each line should start with one of the letters in the phrase, and the poem should reflect the importance of teamwork and protecting the environment.

Example:

Tiny heroes of the pond,
Unite to keep our home safe,
Ready to face challenges,
Together, we stand strong,
Let's protect our friends and space,
Eager to make a difference.



Fill in the Blanks:

1. Underwater adventure as Tito swims.
2. Old turtle named Terrance knows.
3. Turtle Task Force; pond safe.
4. Together, Turtle Task Force advice.
5. Tito shared stories of successful.
6. Turtle Task Force set out.

Who Said to Whom:

1. Tara to Tito.
2. Tito to Terrance.
3. Tara to Tito.
4. Tito to turtle friends.
5. Terrance to Tara and Tito.
6. Tito.

Vocabulary Matching:

1. Invasive - b
2. Biodiversity - c
3. Conservation - d
4. Harmonious - e
5. Coexistence - a

True or False:

1. False
2. True
3. True
4. True
5. True

Exercise 1: Turtle Task Force Word Scramble

- ABPKASN - BASKPAN (Native to the region)
ROGTUEH - TOGETHER (Protecting and preserving natural resources)
NEICVTA - COEXIST (Living together peacefully)
NAAISTEV - NATIVES (The type of turtle Tara is)



In the lush Brahmaputra River basin, native turtles Tara and Tito discover the arrival of the Red-eared Slider, a potential threat to their home. Forming the Turtle Task Force, they unite with other turtles and even humans to protect their pond, educating about responsible pet ownership and advocating for laws. Through teamwork, they successfully safeguard their habitat, becoming heroes and inspiring others to care for nature.

To delve deeper into the fascinating world of turtles, scan the QR code provided and embark on an exploration of their realm.

