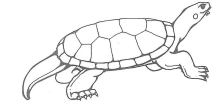


Unique Adaptations to a Unique Environment: Mary River Turtle and its Environs



LESSON NINE: Final Assessment

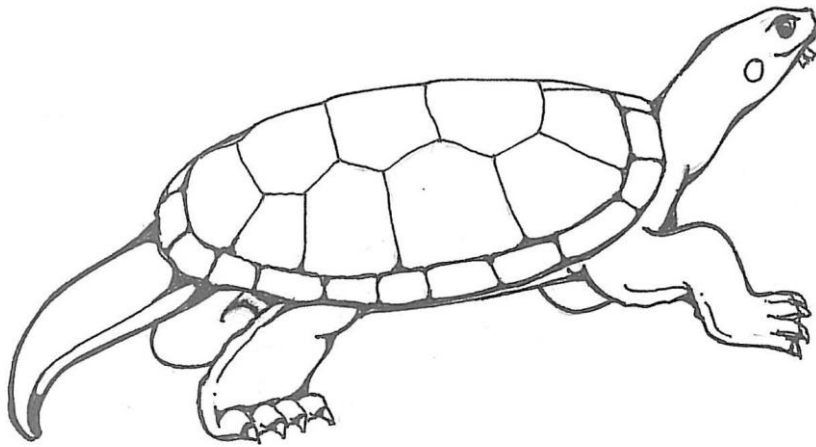
PHASE	LEARNING SEQUENCE	ACTIVITY	RESOURCES
Evaluate	Evaluation of knowledge	Student evaluation	Resource #1 Final Assessment (copy per student)

Final Assessment Task

Student Name _____

Date _____

Question 1 **Label at least five (5) body parts**



Question 2 **The name *Elusor macrurus* means** (circle the correct answer)

- a. Elusive deep diver
- b. Fast swimmer with long tail
- c. Elusive long tail
- d. Shy river rocket

Question 3 Choose three (3) of these habitat features and explain why they are essential to the survival of the Mary River turtle.

1	Piles of coarse sand on the riverbank
2	Riffle zones where the water changes level and runs over rocks
3	Aquatic vegetation (water plants)
4	Logs and rocks that are can be seen above the water level
5	Freely flowing river

Habitat feature	Why is it essential to the Mary River turtle?

Question 4 **Read the following sentences and decide if they are true or false**

Statement	T or F
The Mary River turtle is the second most endangered turtle in Australia.	
Mary River turtles can be found in creeks and the river near Brisbane	
The Mary River turtle is a reptile	
The long fat tail of a male Mary River turtle is a behavioural adaptation to its environment	
The Mary River turtle is the only turtle that lives in the Mary River	
The Mary River turtle was only scientifically named in 1994.	

Question 5 **Why has the Mary River turtle become endangered?**

(circle the correct answer)

1. Thousands of hatchling Mary River turtles were sold in the pet trade during the 1970's.
2. Mary River turtles have big teeth and eat poisonous fish
3. Mary River turtles like basking in the sun on logs and rocks
4. Wild dogs and foxes digging up nests and eating the turtle eggs
5. Tiaro Landcare members have been protecting wild nests

Question 6 **Write your three best suggestions for saving the Mary River turtle from extinction**

1.

2.

3.
