

# Joe and Trig and the Baby Turtles

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A turtle came out of a lake. She found some sand and made a nest with her webbed feet. Then she laid her eggs. The turtle pushed sand on top of her eggs. When her work was finally done, she went back to the lake.

## READ & RESPOND

Make Inferences

**Why does the turtle have webbed feet?**

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Many days passed. The eggs cracked. One baby turtle was fast. It got out of its shell first. It pushed its way out of the nest. It needed to get to the water. It was not safe on the ground. Birds like to eat baby turtles.



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### READ & RESPOND

Main Ideas and Details

**Why does the turtle need to get to the water?**

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Close by, Joe was fishing.  
His Uncle Rob brought him to  
the lake. Joe had his dog, Trig.

Trig was sniffing around the  
edge of the lake. Trig barked.  
Joe went over to Trig.



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Make Inferences

**What makes Joe go to see Trig?**

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Trig had found the baby turtle. It was stuck in some mud.

“Good job, Trig!” said Joe.

Joe picked up the turtle. He put it in a pool of water near the lake. The turtle splashed up and down in the fresh water.

### READ & RESPOND

Make Inferences

**Why does the turtle splash in the water?**

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Joe looked around. “Are there more turtles?” he asked Trig. “We may need to help them, too.”

Trig sniffed the ground and tracked the baby turtle’s path. Joe followed. They headed for the turtles’ nest.

## READ & RESPOND

Main Ideas and Details

**How did Trig find the turtle’s nest?**

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Uncle Rob looked for Joe and Trig.  
“Where are you?” he called.

“We’re over here,” said Joe. “We’re watching turtles.”

Uncle Rob found them by the nest. The turtles were working hard. They had to dig their way out of the slippery sand.



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Main Ideas and Details

**Why were the turtles working hard?**

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Joe and Uncle Rob watched the turtles go to the lake.

“They will be safe now,” said Joe.

“It’s good that you found that first turtle,” said Uncle Rob. “Otherwise, they all might have been in trouble.”

“Trig found it!” said Joe.



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Make Inferences

**Why does Uncle Rob say that the turtles might have been in trouble?**

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# Reread and Respond



**1** What is this story mostly about?

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**Hint**

For a clue, read every page.

**2** Why were the turtle eggs in the sand?

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**Hint**

For a clue, see page 218.

**3** What might have happened if Trig had not found the turtle?

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**Hint**

For a clue, see page 219.