

# Greetings from Turtles!

Interactive Story for the 7-11 Formers



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It's World Turtle Day!



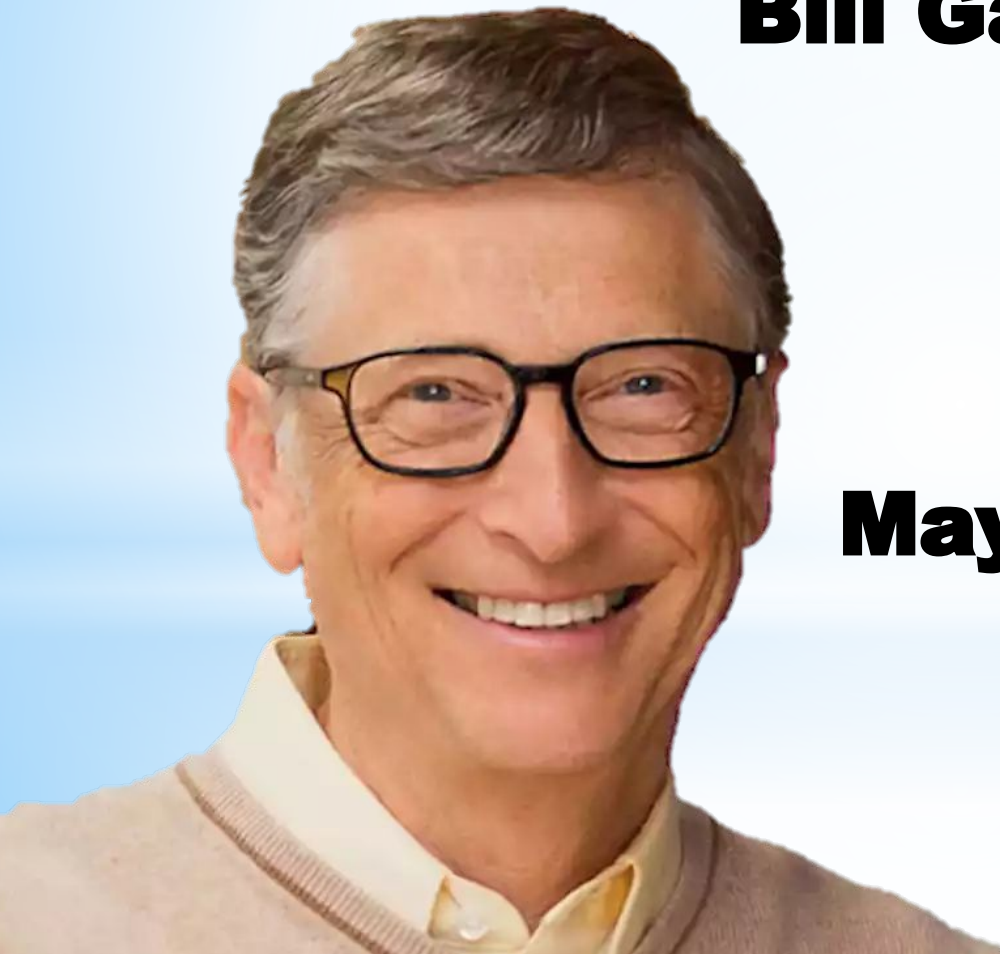
And I've popped out  
to wish you a day  
full of happiness  
and **SMILES!**

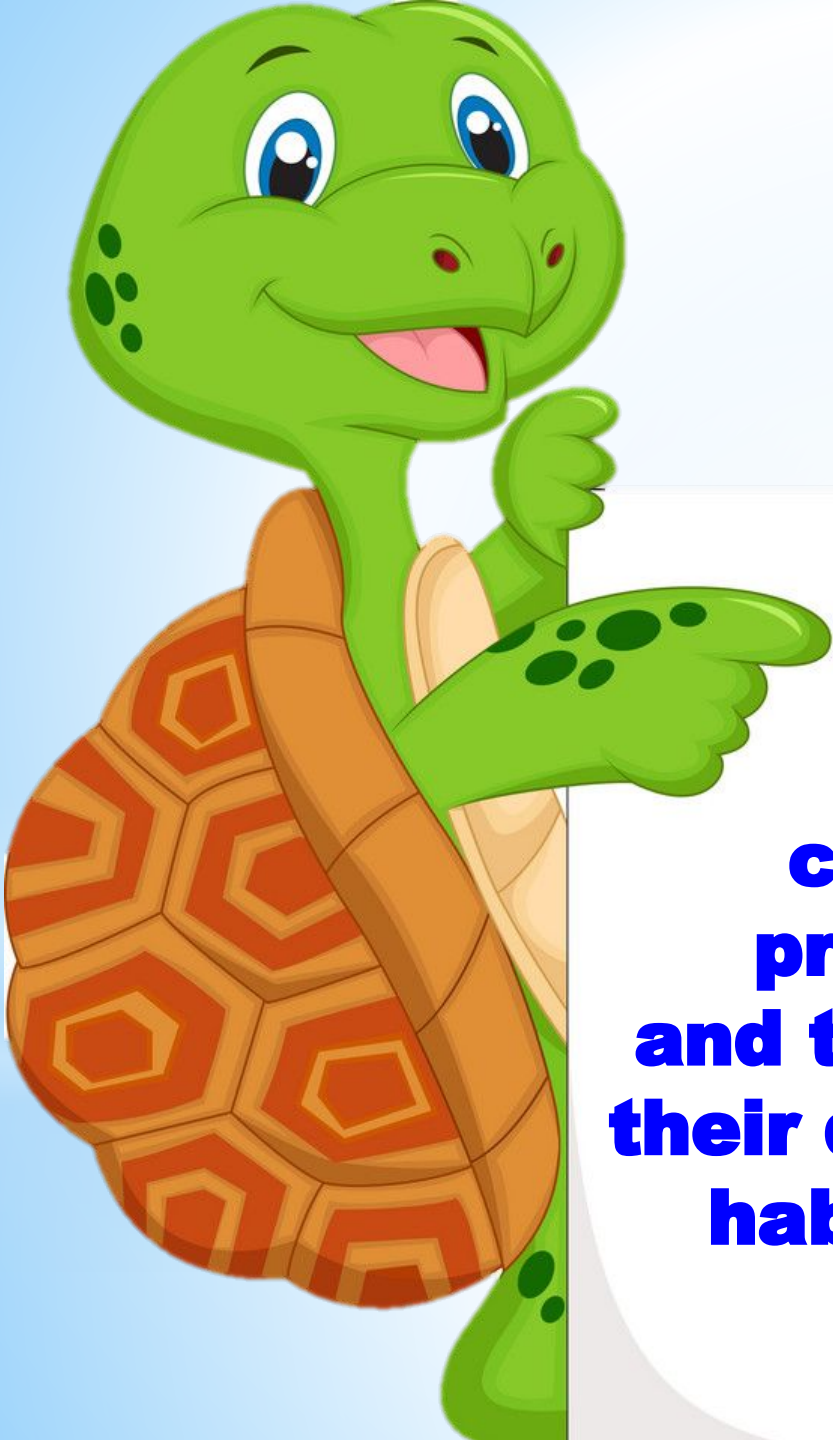


**When did  
World  
Turtle  
Day  
start?**

**In 2000**

**In 2000, the year that the summer Olympics were held in Sydney, that Florida electoral boards poured over hanging chads, and Microsoft founder Bill Gates stepped down to focus on his foundation—the American Tortoise Rescue declared May 23rd World Turtle Day.**





**The goal is to “help people celebrate and protect turtles and tortoises and their disappearing habitats around the world.”**



**Turtles live on every continent  
except for Antarctica.**



**Only**  
**about 1 in**  
**1000 sea**  
**turtle**  
**eggs**  
**survive to**  
**adulthood**

**100**  
**500**  
**1000**



**Majority of  
turtle shells  
are covered  
in scutes  
and made up  
of  
approximately \_\_\_\_\_  
bones.**



**30**

**60**

**100**





**Turtles spend most of their lives in water. They are adapted for aquatic life, with webbed feet or flippers and a streamlined body. Sea turtles rarely leave the ocean, except to lay eggs in the            **sand**.**

**Freshwater turtles live in ponds and lakes, and they climb out of the water onto logs or rocks to bask in the warm sun.**



**Tortoises are land animals. Their feet are round and stumpy, adapted for walking on land. They also dig burrows with their strong forelimbs, and**

**slip**  
**underground**

**When the sun gets too hot.**



**Terrapins live on land and in water,  
usually in swamps, ponds, lakes  
and rivers .**



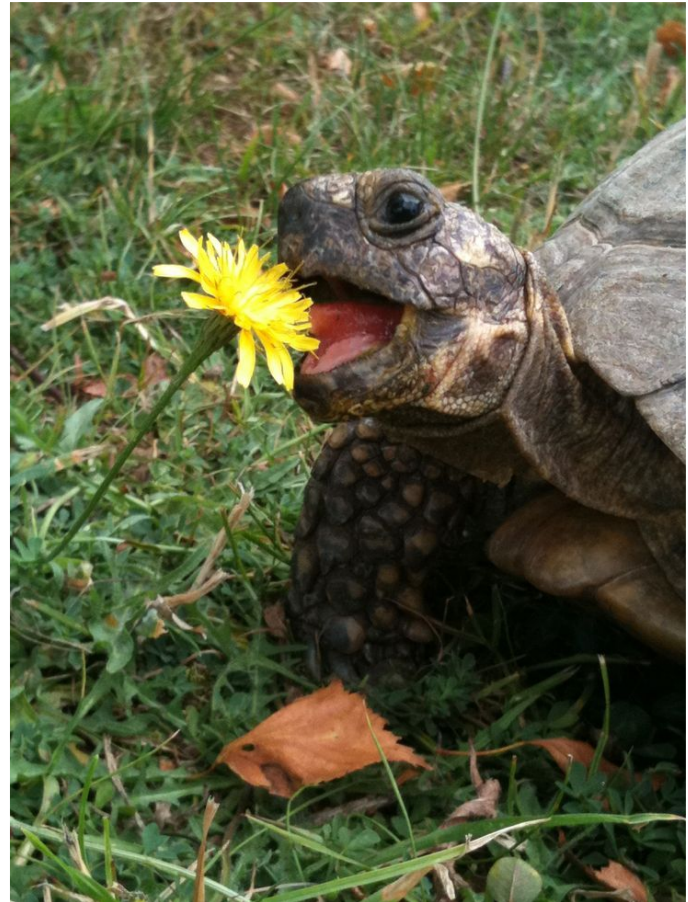
**Turtles are not silent creatures. Some sound like electric motors, some sound like belching humans and some bark like dogs. The red-footed tortoise from South America clucks like a \_\_\_\_\_ **chicken****



*goose*  
*duck*  
*chicken*

**Most turtles are omnivores; they eat a variety of different things, depending on their species. Musk turtles eat mollusks, plants, small fish and insects. The cooter turtle is mostly vegetarian, and the green sea turtle only eats grasses and algae .**


*algae*  
*fish*  
*insects*



**All turtles lay eggs. They find a place on land to lay their eggs, dig a nest into the sand or dirt and then walk away. No species of turtle nurtures their young.**

*nest*  
*hole*  
*crack*



A green frog is shown floating in space, with the Earth visible in the background. The frog is positioned in the lower right quadrant of the image, facing left. The Earth is a large, blue and green sphere in the center. The background is a dark blue space with some stars and a bright yellow sun or moon in the upper right corner.

**A pair of Russian tortoises went into space. In 1968, the Soviet Union launched Zond 5, a space probe that was the first spacecraft to orbit the moon. It returned safely and the tortoises survived.**

***weight***  
***appetite***  
***eyesight***

**They had lost about 10 percent of their body weight, but they remained active and showed no loss of appetite, according to NASA.**





**did you  
know?**

A Sea turtle  
can live for more  
than 100 years.  
that's longer  
than humans  
and elephants



**Started by the American Tortoise Rescue (ATR) in 2000, the annually celebrated day shines a spotlight on care, conservation and awareness of the oldest living reptiles in the world.**



**Remember !**

**People celebrate World Turtle Day around the globe through various means and methods. Some create awareness by promoting turtles and tortoises through social media networks. Others choose to celebrate by wearing turtle-themed clothing such as T-shirts or hats and by teaching children about tortoises and turtles. Some may choose this time to donate to charities, rescue groups, and organizations that specialize in tortoise and turtle care and conservation.**



**Thank You for Visiting  
Happy Turtle Day!**

Have a Happy Day



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Turtle <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Turtle>

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