

ANIMAL SUPERPOWER



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Snake-Necked Turtle

Do your students love animals that look a bit scary? Then, let them discover the snake-necked turtle. This captivating reptile has a neck so long it often surpasses the length of its shell, moving with a mesmerizing serpentine grace. turtle is native to Australia, New Guinea, east Timor and the Indonesian Rote Island.

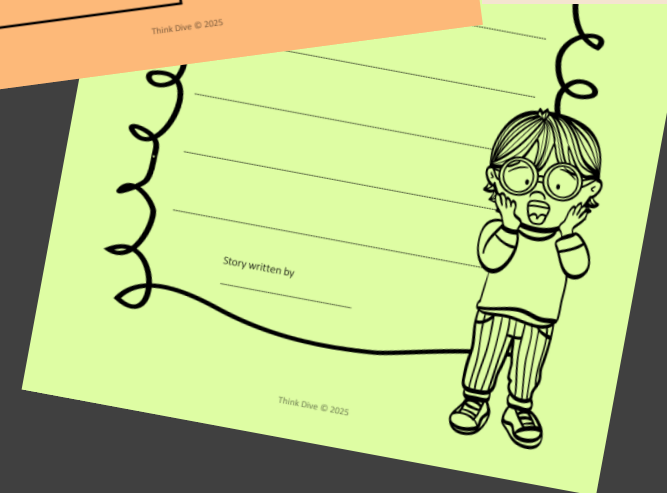
Eastern snake-necked turtles are also known as stinkers. When the turtle is stressed, they release a pungent, foul-smelling spray that can reach over 90 cm (3 feet)! They sheds both their shell and their skin as they grow. The shedding skin can appear as a floating web-like slime around their legs and body when they are swimming.

The snake-neck turtles have an interesting hunting technique. Like a snake, they ambush their prey – tadpoles, frogs, small fish, and crayfish – with a fast strike from their extraordinarily long neck.

The algae-covered shells of snake-necked turtles are a fascinating adaptation to their environment. Their natural habitat, rich in sunlight and nutrients, provides ideal conditions for algae growth, leading to a frequent coating on their shells. This algae is typically harmless and may even serve as camouflage, helping the turtles blend seamlessly into their aquatic surroundings.

Snake-necked turtles are primarily bottom-dwellers, spending most of their time submerged in the water. However, when faced with excessively dry conditions, they estivate. During estivation, these turtles enter a state of dormancy or torpor, seeking refuge by burrowing into the fallen leaves on the forest floor. They remain in this state for an extended period, patiently awaiting the return of the rains.

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GREAT TO USE FOR

- ❖ Animal Projects
- ❖ Bird Units
- ❖ Design Projects
- ❖ Centers
- ❖ Independent Work
- ❖ Creativity Challenge

SNAKE-NECKED TURTLE VS LOGGERHEAD SEA TURTLE



Look at the differences and similarities between Snake-Necked Turtles and Loggerhead Sea Turtles.

Snake-Necked Turtles

Loggerhead Sea
Turtles

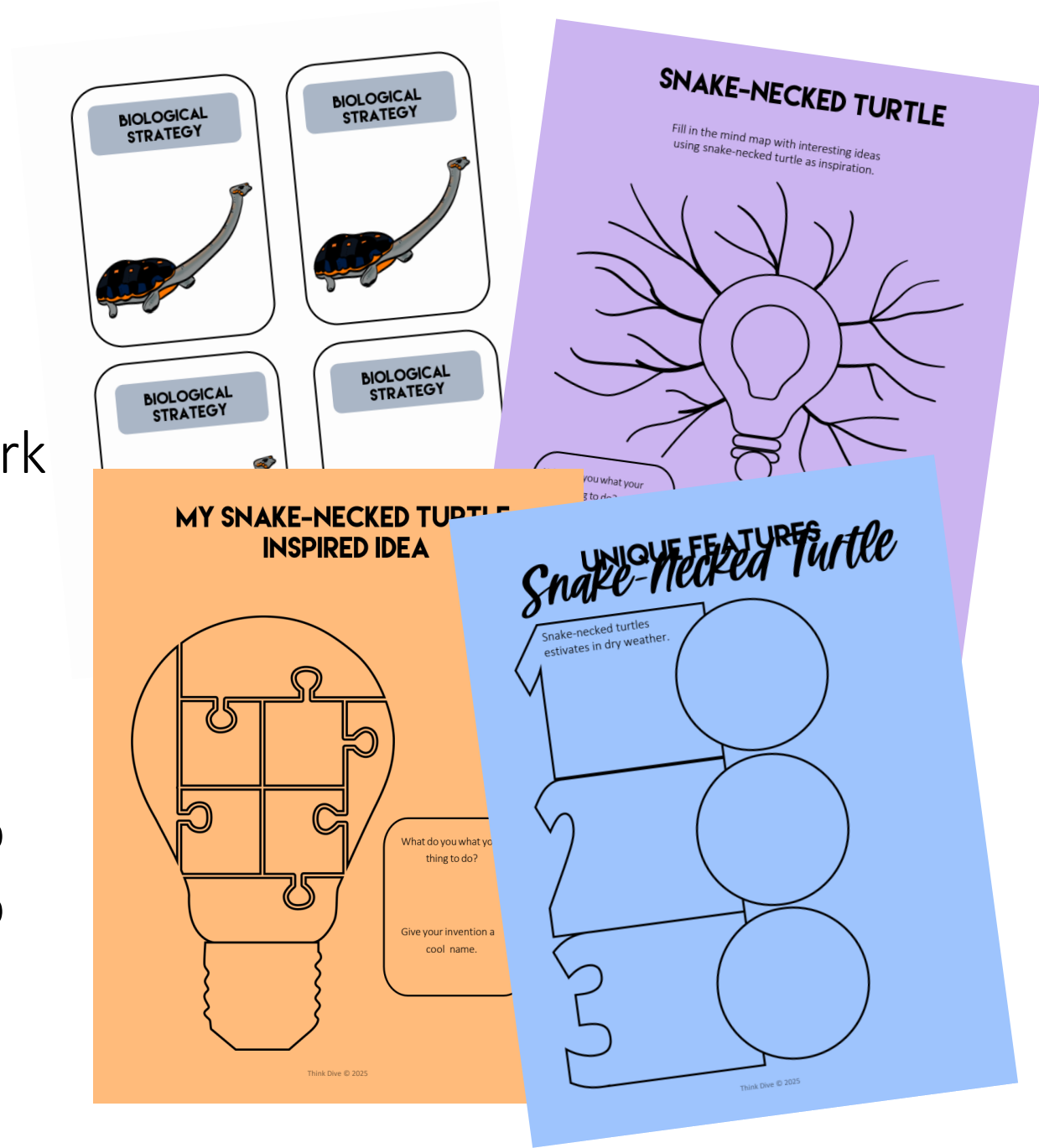


Snake-necked turtles are

REVIEW — MATH JOURNAL PROMPTS

“A wonderful set of problems to get students thinking; and I love the extra challenge provided by showing their work to explain how they arrived at the solution. Thank you for the great prompts!”

“I sent this booklet home for parents to help one of my students. It was easy to put it together. Thank you!”



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