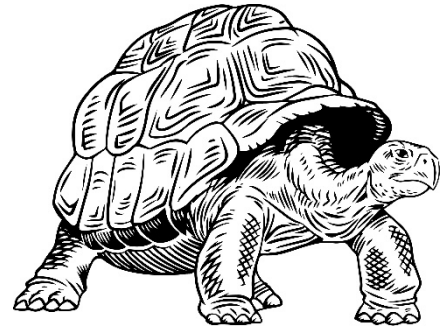


# Turtles

Turtles come in many shapes and sizes and are live all over the world in all kinds of places. They belong to the oldest group of reptiles in the world, called Testudines. Turtles have been around longer than snakes, crocodiles, or alligators. In fact, turtles were on earth with dinosaurs, over 200 million years ago. Turtles have a soft body inside of a tough outer shell. This shell is part of its skeleton, and includes its rib cage and its spine. Many turtles can pull their heads, arms, and legs all the way inside of their shell to protect themselves. A turtle can never come out of its shell, though, since it grows with them, just like your bones grow along with you.



Answer the questions True or False.

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| 1. | All turtles are small.  | true | false |
| 2. | A turtle can get out of its shell.  | true | false |
| 3. | A turtle's shell is part of its skeleton.   | true | false |
| 4. | Turtles appeared on Earth long after the dinosaurs.                               | true | false |
| 5. | Many turtles can pull their head, arms, and legs into their shell for protection. | true | false |