

Turtles: Thinking Outside of the Box: Vocabulary

Scute: (*noun*) a dermal boney plate, as on a turtle.

Synonym: scales

Carapace: (*noun*) a bony shield, or shell covering some, or all the dorsal part of a turtle.

Synonym: shell

Plastron: (*noun*) the front part of the shell of a turtle

Vertebrae: (*noun*) any of the bones composing of the spinal cord

Synonym: backbone

Fused: (*verb*) to attach

Synonym: connect

Acres: (*Noun*) a common measurement of an area of land

Brumation: (*verb*) a condition of inactivity exhibited in reptiles during winter or periods of low temperatures

Regulate: (*verb*) to control or direct

Synonym: manage, rule

Vulnerable: (*adj.*) capable of being hunt or wounded

Synonym: sensitive, unsafe

Endangered: (*adj.*) generally perceived as threatened with extinction, high risk of extinction

Synonym: at-risk, in danger

Fragmented: (*adj.*) broken into separate parts, disorganized not connected

Synonym: fractured, separated, in pieces

Homing instinct: (*noun*) the ability to return home from distance

Barrier: (*noun*) any natural bar or obstacle that restrains access. A limit or boundary of any kind

Synonym: fence, hurdle, roadblock

Suitable: (*adj.*) appropriate, fitting and becoming

Synonym: correct, proper, just right, useful

Disperse: (*verb*) to spread widely, to separate and move apart in different directions without order

Synonym: spread, scatter

