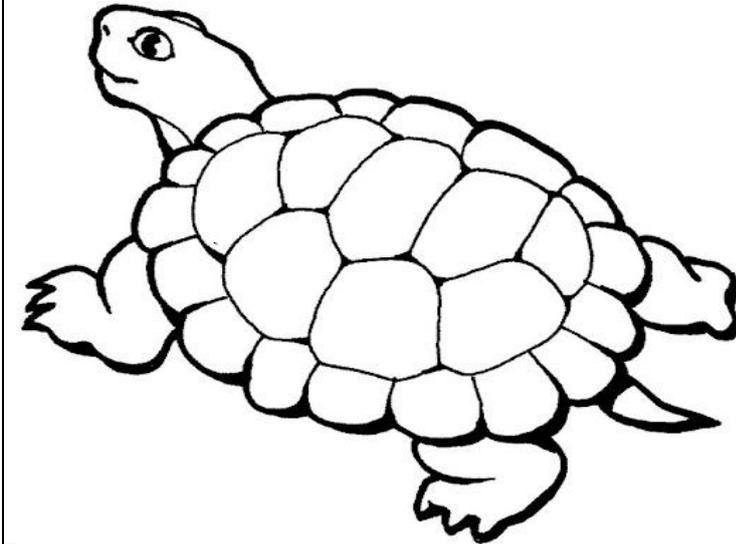


### Turtle's walk delays planes at Tokyo airport

(Colour the turtle)



Read the article on “Turtle's walk delays planes at Tokyo airport” and answer the given questions:

#### Learning to understand and analyse the reading effectively and easily.

There are many reasons for delays at airports. Sometimes it's bad weather, sometimes it's a technical problem, and other times it's a passenger who is late to the boarding gate. Narita Airport in Tokyo, Japan has added a new cause of flight delays - a turtle going for a walk. The runway at Narita had to close for 12 minutes because a 2.1-kilogram turtle was spotted on the tarmac. The pilot of an airplane waiting to take off told air traffic controllers about the small reptile at around 11:35am. There was an immediate search for it. This caused the delay of five flights. Airport staff managed to locate the creature. They safely removed it with a net. They reported that it was unharmed.

A Narita Airport spokesperson said she believed the turtle lived in a nearby pond. It managed to get under a fence alongside the airport and crawl onto the runway. The turtle might have decided to sunbathe because of the warm weather. It was a lot warmer than usual at the airport for the time of the year. Shortly after the turtle was caught, an A380 airplane took off from the runway. By coincidence, the A380 was painted in a turtle design.

The plane was from the Japanese airline ANA. It was going to the island of Okinawa in the south of Japan. An ANA spokesperson said: "Turtles are seen as bringing good luck. We hope this turtle, who came to see the flight off, signals a bright future."

## True / False

- 1) The article says there are a few things that cause airport delays. T / F
- 2) A turtle on the tarmac shut a runway at a Tokyo airport for 12 minutes. T / F
- 3) The turtle was spotted at 11:35 at night. T / F
- 4) The turtle caused the delay of five flights from the airport. T / F
- 5) The turtle had escaped from a cage in the baggage area. T / F
- 6) The turtle may have wanted to sunbathe on the runway. T / F
- 7) One of the delayed planes was painted in a turtle design. T / F
- 8) Turtles are seen as a sign of good luck. T / F

## Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

<b>1. reasons</b>	a. neighbourhood
<b>2. technical</b>	b. safe
<b>3. spotted</b>	c. chance
<b>4. immediate</b>	d. mechanical
<b>5. unharmed</b>	e. indicates
<b>6. nearby</b>	f. instant
<b>7. caught</b>	g. causes
<b>8. coincidence</b>	h. representative
<b>9. spokesperson</b>	i. seen
<b>10. signals</b>	j. captured

**Answer these questions**

a) What do you think of turtles? \_\_\_\_\_

b) Have you ever been delayed? \_\_\_\_\_

c) What do you think of airports? \_\_\_\_\_

d) Have you ever experienced technical problems?  
\_\_\_\_\_

e) What do you think of turtles going for a walk? \_\_\_\_\_

f) Should airports introduce anti-turtle security?  
\_\_\_\_\_

g) How do you feel when you are delayed?  
\_\_\_\_\_

h) What damage could the turtle have caused?  
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**Writing**

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