

TEN WORD TALES No. 2

# Turbo the Turtle

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## CHAPTER 1



On the very day he was born, Turbo the turtle had shown he could be fast. Turtles find it difficult to move on land but when Turbo came out of his egg in the sand he was the very first of all his brothers and sisters to reach the sea, sprinting straight for the waves, with flippers flapping and fast feet pushing against the wet sand.

His mum and dad were very proud. They called him Turbo because a turbo-charger is one of the most efficient and energetic engines in the world and they believed that Turbo would be one of the very swiftest turtles in the ocean.

Things did not turn out that way.

When it comes to swimming, turtles normally fly through the water, as quickly as birds flying through the air, but not Turbo.

At sea-school Turbo enjoyed floating or wandering in the weed much better than swimming lessons. He could not seem to hurry. Every turtle was taught that swimming fast could save your life if you were being chased by an enemy in the ocean but Turbo liked to swim slowly. If there was a race he was always last.

“Oh dear,” said Turbo’s teacher, looking serious. His mum and dad were also worried. No one could teach Turbo to swim quickly and in the sea to be slow is very dangerous.

