

Important Information

- Please retain these instructions for future reference, as they contain important information.
- All cleaning should be carried out by an adult.
- Ensure the product is switched off before cleaning begins.
- To clean the Talking Turtles wipe with a clean damp cloth.
- This product is designed to be waterproof; however it is not recommended that the product is left in water for long periods of time.
- The battery isolating tab must be removed before the product can be used. To remove the tape the battery cover must be taken off. See below for instructions.

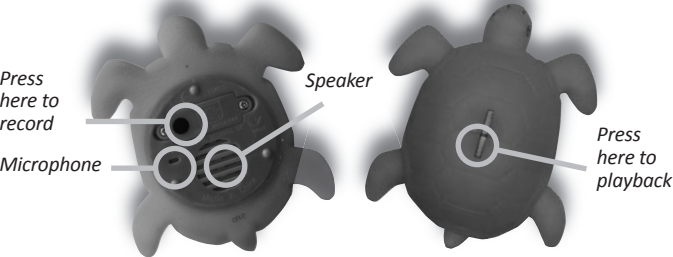
Battery Warnings

- Batteries should be fitted by an adult.
- Use batteries of the same type.
- Do not mix new and old batteries; replace all batteries at the same time.
- Do not mix rechargeable and non-rechargeable batteries.
- Ensure batteries are inserted with the correct polarity.
- Ensure all used batteries are disposed of in the correct manner.
- Do not allow batteries to come into contact with liquids at any time.
- All batteries must be removed from the product for long periods of storage.

Fitting & Replacing Batteries

1. Your Talking Turtles use 3 x 1.5V AG13 or LR44 coin cells each.
2. Batteries must be inserted with the correct polarity as indicated in the battery compartment.
3. Remove the battery cover with a screwdriver.
4. Remove the exhausted batteries, and dispose of responsibly.
5. Fit batteries as shown in the battery compartment.
6. Replace the battery cover, and tighten screws.

Know your Talking Turtles



Recording and Playback on your Talking Turtles

Recording

1. Press and hold the REC button and speak clearly into the microphone.
2. Release the record button.

Playback

1. Press the number on the Turtle’s back to play the message.
2. Each subsequent message will record over the message before it.

Counting using your Talking Turtles

Your Talking Turtles have been printed with the numbers 1 – 10 on their back, with words one to ten on the underside of their tails and with the numerical dots for one to ten on the underside of their necks.

Technical Specification

Feature	Specification
Battery Type	3 x 1.5V AG13/LR44 Coin cells
Battery Life (Standby)	1 year +
Battery Life (Playback mode)	500 plays (depending on length)
Battery Life (Recording mode)	1000 recordings (depending on length)
Recording & Playback length	10 seconds



USER GUIDE



TTS is part of the RM group

# Talking Turtles Practitioner’s Notes

## Introduction

These ten little turtles are a really versatile resource. They can be used indoors and out. They are designed to be used in water but can also be an imaginative part of small world play. There is a recording element which lends itself to a host of learning opportunities.

## Ideas

- Make a number line with the turtles. Mix them up and ask the children to place them in the correct order. Try removing one and asking the children what is missing.
- Match amounts to the number, e.g. place 9 pebbles next to the number nine turtle.
- Play ‘find me’ games. Try hiding the turtles and leaving clues. They make a great treasure hunt activity. Try leaving a message on each one as to where to find the next, e.g. ‘I’m under a red box.’
- Ask the children to find specific numbers, e.g. the turtle that is one more than six, and one less than eight. Try leaving other messages and the children have to match the statement to the turtle. e.g. ‘Goldilocks met this many bears.’ As well as numbers you may record words and spellings etc. e.g. if you said to the children ‘find me a turtle that is about a small furry pet’, or an animal that starts with ‘c’ and ends with ‘t’. Other listening games could be, e.g. ‘find me a name of a bird, number, a tree etc’. This is a good way of encouraging children to listen carefully and match the turtle to the recorded word.
- Try recording in different languages, e.g. un, deux, trois, etc.
- Play with the turtles in the water trough. Provide tasks, e.g. ‘find me all the odd numbers’, ‘find me all the numbers bigger than six’. The children will need access to scoops, sieves, buckets etc.
- Colour the water to look like the sea and include large rocks, pebbles, sand etc. Include other pretend marine life.
- Align to stories about turtles so that children are familiar with the creatures. Try to include fact and fiction.
- The children may enjoy open-ended play in the water area. Add glitter, bubbles etc.

- Use the turtles as part of a small world scenario. The turtles look great on a TTS Active World Tray (builder’s tray). The children could create their own desert island. Provide access to pieces of drift-wood, shells etc.
- Use the turtles in singing rhymes. Adapt familiar rhymes. Try singing, instead of ‘5 Currant Buns’, ‘5 Little Turtles’. e.g. ‘Five little turtles in the big pet shop, round and green with a number on the top. Along came a boy with some money one day, bought a green turtle and took it right away.’ Or, ‘Ten green turtles sitting on a wall, if one green turtle should accidentally fall, there will be 9 green turtles sitting on the wall’.
- Try making tongue twisters and then recording them, e.g. ‘Tommy turtle tried tinned tomatoes on toast’. ‘Tina Turtle told Tanya turtle to travel to Turkey’.
- Use the turtles as a simple recording device to help children to remember things, e.g. a task, a message etc.

## Summary

There is a vast amount of ideas that the turtles could be used for. Above are just a few simple suggestions. The children will no doubt have their own imaginative ideas.



## Troubleshooting

Problem	Solution
Talking Turtles will not record sounds	Ensure the Rec button is pressed and held whilst message is recorded.
	Ensure that the batteries are fresh, and are inserted correctly.
Talking Turtles will not playback recordings	Press once and release to begin message playback.
	Ensure that the batteries are fresh, and are inserted correctly.

## Warranty & Support

This product is provided with a one-year warranty for problems found during normal usage.

Mistreating the Talking Turtles or opening the case for reasons other than to replace the batteries will invalidate this warranty.

Made in China, on behalf of the TTS Group LTD.

## Technical Support

TTS Group Ltd., Park Lane Business Park, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 9GU, UK.

Freephone: 0800 318686 Freefax: 0800 137525



WARNING! Not suitable for children under 36 months due to small parts – choking hazard.



TTS is part of the RM group

Product Code: EY04196 – Talking Turtles (10pk)