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paddling in a ditch.
A turtle or a tortoise?
I wasn't quite sure which.

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written on his shell.
So I took him round to Jody's place –
I know Jody well.

“He's a tortoise,” Jody told me.
“He's really very tame.
My greatest problem with him is ...
He hasn't learned his name!”

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