

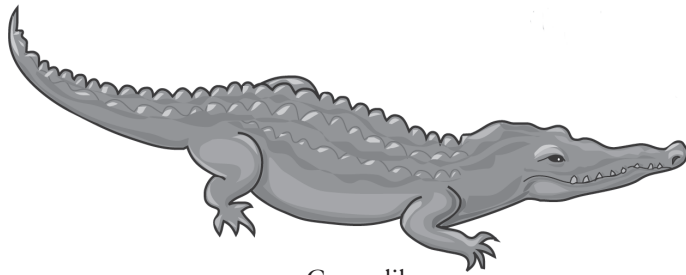
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LESSON 1

Read this article about two kinds of reptiles. Then answer questions about the article. Choose the best answer for Numbers 1 to 12.

Crocodiles and Alligators – What’s the Difference?



Crocodile

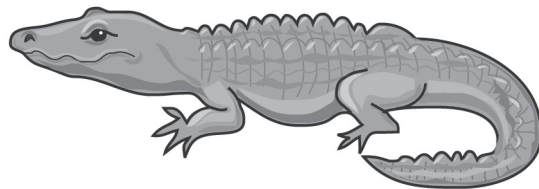
Have you ever seen a crocodile or an alligator? If you have, then you know how difficult it can be to tell them apart. Because these cold-blooded reptiles are both members of the same family, there are many ways in which they are alike. For example, both crocodiles and alligators love

to be warm. They bask in the warmth of the sun for hours each day. Like other reptiles, the body temperature of crocodiles and alligators is always the same as that of their surroundings. To survive, they must live in areas that provide the heat they require. Crocodiles can be found in the swamps and rivers of warm regions in Australia. They also live in parts of Africa, Asia and the Americas. Alligators are commonly found along warm coastal areas in the United States and in parts of China.

Finding differences between a crocodile and an alligator can be difficult. The first thing you can do to try to tell them apart is to look at the jaws of each reptile. If the lower teeth stick out when the jaw is closed, then the animal is a crocodile. If you cannot see the teeth when the jaw is closed, then the animal is an alligator.

Another way to distinguish between a crocodile and an alligator is by their size. Crocodiles can be as much as 7 metres long, but most alligators are about 4 metres long or smaller. Just because an alligator’s body is smaller than a crocodile’s, however, does not mean that every part of it is too. In fact, the alligator’s snout is large and rounded like a worn crayon tip. The crocodile’s snout is thin and pointed like a sharp pencil.

One final way to tell these two reptiles apart is by their skin. Crocodiles have hard, tough skin. An alligator’s skin is just as hard, but somewhat smoother. You now should have enough information to tell the difference between a crocodile and an alligator. If you should ever have the opportunity to test your knowledge, however, be careful! Crocodiles and alligators can be swift and dangerous so always keep a safe distance.



Alligator

<p>Finding Main Idea</p> <p>1. The article mainly describes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ the behaviour of crocodiles and alligators. Ⓑ similarities and differences between crocodiles and alligators. Ⓒ the many differences between crocodiles and other reptiles. Ⓓ the reptiles that are related to crocodiles and alligators. 	<p>Recognising Cause and Effect</p> <p>4. A reptile's body temperature is always the same as that of its surroundings because</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ reptiles bask in the sun for hours. Ⓑ reptiles prefer warm climates. Ⓒ reptiles are warm-blooded. Ⓓ reptiles are cold-blooded.
<p>Recalling Facts and Details</p> <p>2. Alligators are commonly found</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ along the coast in warm areas of the United States and in China. Ⓑ in the swamps and rivers of China and the Americas. Ⓒ throughout coastal areas of America and Australia. Ⓓ on all continents wherever there is water. 	<p>Comparing and Contrasting</p> <p>5. Which of these tells how the jaws of an alligator are different from the jaws of a crocodile?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ The alligator does not have a jaw, but the crocodile does. Ⓑ The alligator has a round jaw, but the crocodile has a pointed jaw. Ⓒ The alligator doesn't show teeth when its jaw is closed, but the crocodile does. Ⓓ The alligator has a small jaw, but the crocodile has a large jaw.
<p>Understanding Sequence</p> <p>3. What can you do first to tell the difference between a crocodile and an alligator?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ determine each reptile's body temperature Ⓑ compare the jaws of each reptile Ⓒ estimate the length of each reptile Ⓓ examine the skin of each reptile 	<p>Making Predictions</p> <p>6. Predict what would happen if there was a dramatic decrease in temperature in an alligator's habitat.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ The alligator would dwell in only the water instead of on both land and water. Ⓑ The alligator would maintain a lower body temperature. Ⓒ The alligator would not be able to tolerate the change and would die. Ⓓ The alligator would adapt to the cooler temperature.

TEACHER ASSESSMENT 1

Complete this page after the student has completed five lessons.

Please check the appropriate box. Lessons 1–5 Lessons 6–10

Student's Name: _____ Date: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Assessing the Strategies

Students answer a question about each strategy once in each lesson or a total of five times. Use the student's completed Answer Form to fill in the chart below. First, record the total number of correct responses for each strategy. Then record the percentage of correct responses for each strategy.

Strategy		Number of Correct Responses	Per cent Correct
Finding Main Idea	(MI)	_____ out of 5	= _____ %
Recalling Facts and Details	(FD)	_____ out of 5	= _____ %
Understanding Sequence	(US)	_____ out of 5	= _____ %
Recognising Cause and Effect	(CE)	_____ out of 5	= _____ %
Comparing and Contrasting	(CC)	_____ out of 5	= _____ %
Making Predictions	(MP)	_____ out of 5	= _____ %
Finding Word Meaning in Context	(WM)	_____ out of 5	= _____ %
Drawing Conclusions and Making Inferences	(CI)	_____ out of 5	= _____ %
Distinguishing Between Fact and Opinion	(FO)	_____ out of 5	= _____ %
Identifying Author's Purpose	(AP)	_____ out of 5	= _____ %
Interpreting Figurative Language	(FL)	_____ out of 5	= _____ %
Summarising	(SM)	_____ out of 5	= _____ %