

CROCODILE ATTACK!

If you were swimming at the edge of the water in Southern Florida, USA, and you saw a crocodile coming towards you, what would you do?

a Read the first part of the text and tick (✓) the things you would do.

- I'd run away fast.
- I'd try to open its mouth.
- I'd make aloud noise.
- I'd pretend to be dead.
- I put my fingers into its eyes.
- I'd try to fight it.

b Now read the rest of the article. Which sentence is the best summary?

- 1 There's nothing you can do if a crocodile attacks you. _____
- 2 There are lots of things you can do if a crocodile attacks you. _____
- 3 There's only one thing to do if a crocodile attacks you. _____

Well, most of these are possible – the best thing to do depends on where the crocodile is at the time. If it comes towards you on land, experts say you should turn around and run away as fast as possible. Crocodiles can run faster than humans over a short distance, but they soon get tired. If they miss their first chance to catch their **victim**, they usually start looking for something else.

If you're in the water, then **splash** around to make a noise so that the animal gets confused. If this doesn't work, push your thumb or fingers into the crocodile's eye. This is the most sensitive area of the crocodile's body and it is the place where you can cause the animal the most **pain**. It will also be very surprised by your attack and it's quite possible that it will decide to leave you alone. Don't try and open the crocodile's mouth because the **muscles** are so strong that this is nearly impossible.

However, if the crocodile is in a bad **mood**, it's possible that it will carry on fighting. Your final opportunity is to pretend to be dead. If the crocodile thinks that its victim is dead, it opens its mouth for a few seconds to move the body into its **throat**. This can give you your last chance to escape, but it's a very dangerous plan.

Our final advice? It's much better to **avoid** crocodiles than to do any of the things above...

LISTENING

- a** **iChecker** Listen to a news story about a shark attack.

How did the man survive?

- a) by pressing his fingers into the shark's eye.
- b) by hitting the shark's head.

b Listen again and answer the questions.

1 Where is Eric Nerhus from?

- a) London.
- b) Australia.

2 What was he doing when the shark attacked?

- a) Fishing.
- b) Swimming.

3 Which parts of his body were in the shark's mouth?

- a) His head, shoulders, knees and toes.
- b) His head, shoulders, and one of his arms.

4 What was Eric's vest made of?

- a) Metal.
- b) Wood.

5 Who rescued Eric?

- a) His daughter.
- b) His son.

6 How did Eric get to hospital?

- a) By helicopter.
- b) By plane.

7 What injuries did he have?

- a) He had a broken shoulder and deep cuts on his face.
- b) He had deep cuts all over his body and a broken nose.

8 How big was the shark?

- a) Over three metres long.
- b) Over ten metres long.

