

PASSAGE: 3 Read the passage twice then answer all questions.



Crocodiles and Alligators



Crocodiles and alligators are the largest reptiles in the world. They live in warm, moist places. They rely on their sharp teeth and **powerful** jaws to capture prey. They feed on a variety of animals such insects, frogs, fish, turtle and birds.

Alligators have wide, flat heads with rounded snouts. The head of an alligator looks like the letter U. Crocodiles have pointed snouts. The head of a crocodile looks like the handle of a baseball bat. When alligators close their mouths, their lower teeth cannot be seen. In crocodiles, their lower teeth can be seen even when they shut their mouths tightly.

Unlike some reptiles, mother alligators and crocodiles protect their nests from hungry **predators**. Crocodiles usually dig a hole in the ground and lay as many as sixty eggs. They cover the hole with sand to keep the eggs warm. Alligators use leaves, branches, and mud to build their nest above the ground.

1. Crocodiles and alligators are _____ . (1pt.)

mammals reptiles fish amphibians

2. Where do alligators and crocodiles live? _____ (1pt.)

3. They rely on their sharp teeth and powerful jaws to capture prey. In this sentence, the word **powerful** means: (1pt.)

a. gigantic b. tough c. strong d. weak

4. Which of the following do crocodiles and alligators **NOT** eat? (1pt.)

a. turtles b. birds c. fish d. vegetables

5. Which of the following statements about crocodiles is true? (2pts)
 - a. Crocodiles' heads look like the letter U.
 - b. Mother crocodiles dig a hole in ground to lay eggs.
 - c. Crocodiles sit on top of their eggs to keep it warm.
 - d. When crocodiles close their mouth, their lower teeth can be seen.
6. Which of the following statements about alligators are true? (2pts)
 - a. When alligators close their mouths, their lower teeth cannot be seen.
 - b. Alligators have pointed snouts.
 - c. Alligators' head look like the handle of a baseball bat.
 - d. Alligators use leaves, branches and mud to build their nest above ground.
7. Alligators have wide, flat head with rounded **snouts**. What is a synonym for the word **snouts**? _____ (1pt.)