



### New York City Alligators, a Big City Legend

When they are [1]\_\_\_\_\_small, alligators make cute little pets that people keep in their homes [2]\_\_\_\_\_New York City. However, they [3]\_\_\_\_\_not remain small and when they grow to a larger size, they are not the type of animal that people want to keep in their homes. In fact, they can be quite dangerous, [4]\_\_\_\_\_small children and cats. As a result, the pet owners sometimes flush these alligators down toilets or throw [5]\_\_\_\_\_into storm sewers, which are the large pipes that carry the rain water to the sea. The people [6]\_\_\_\_\_throw out the alligators believe that they will die because of the cold weather in New York City, but this is not true. Because they are underground, the animals are [7]\_\_\_\_\_from the cold weather and are able to survive and grow. [8]\_\_\_\_\_, the sewers under the streets have become extremely dangerous places where workers can go only if they are accompanied by guards with guns. Even worse, during warm summer weather the alligators [9]\_\_\_\_\_above ground at night in the parks where they are a threat to people. Two solutions have been suggested to solve this problem. Some want the animals killed, [10]\_\_\_\_\_others prefer that they be captured and moved outside the city.

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| [1] | a. the         | b. a         | c. Ø            | d. an           |
| [2] | a. to          | b. on        | c. at           | d. in           |
| [3] | a. do          | b. does      | c. are          | d. did          |
| [4] | a. eaten       | b. to eat    | c. ate          | d. eating       |
| [5] | a. it          | b. them      | c. this         | d. its          |
| [6] | a. what        | b. when      | c. which        | d. who          |
| [7] | a. protect     | b. protected | c. protection   | d. protecting   |
| [8] | a. In addition | b. However   | c. Consequently | d. Nevertheless |

- [9]     a. come                      b. comes                      c. coming                      d. came
- [10]    a. while                      b. which                      c. who                      d. when