

Subject: Comprehension (Compare & Contrast)

Section: Elementary

Read this passage. Then read and complete each question.

Crocodiles and Alligators

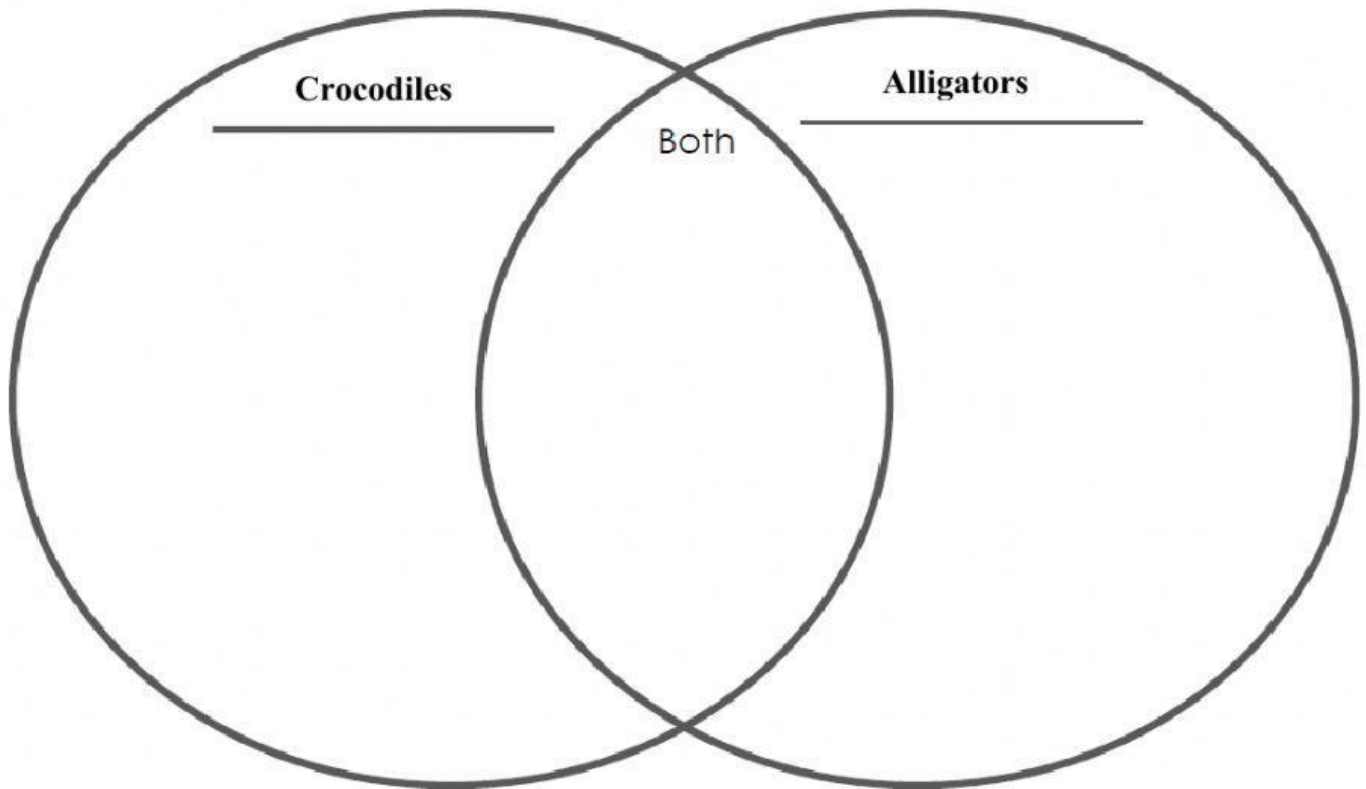
Can you tell a crocodile from an alligator? They are alike in some ways. Yet, in other ways, they are very different.

Both animals are covered with scales and have backbones. They have short legs and long, powerful tails. Also, baby crocodiles and alligators both hatch from eggs.

Both crocodiles and alligators are very dangerous and very strong hunters. Both eat fish and small animals, and they can even attack people, though that is rare. These two animals have strong jaws and many sharp teeth. They also have eyes high on their head so they can see while they float in the water. Both can be found in hot, damp places like swamps.

Crocodiles and alligators are different in certain ways. For example, a crocodile's snout, or the part of its head that sticks outward and includes its nose and mouth, is pointed at the end. The snout of an alligator is broad and rounder. Also, crocodiles like muddy, shallow water, while alligators are usually found in deeper water.

Fill in the diagram below with 2 differences and 2 similarities.



Choose the best answer to the following questions.

1. Which is true about both crocodiles and alligators?

- a. They have backbones.
- b. Their eyes are set low on the sides of their heads.
- c. They cannot float on water.
- d. They live in deep water.

2. How is a crocodile's body different from an alligator's?

- a. Crocodiles have short legs.
- b. Crocodiles have a short tail.
- c. Crocodiles have sharper teeth.
- d. Crocodiles have pointed snouts.

3. How are crocodiles and alligators alike?

- a. They both like to attack people.
- b. Their bodies are covered with scales.
- c. They have only a couple of sharp teeth.
- d. They only eat fish.

4. How are crocodiles and alligators different?

- a. Only crocodiles eat small animals.
- b. Only alligators have strong jaws.
- c. Only alligators have rounded snouts.
- d. Only crocodiles live in water.

5. What do alligators do that crocodiles do not?

- a. live in hot, damp places
- b. lay eggs
- c. live in deeper water
- d. eat fish