

Alpha Level 4

Crocodile Watching



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A Unscramble the letters to make a word.

Word Box

feed sweep check show lie clean

e f e
d

1. The keepers feed the crocodile fish, rats, and chickens.
to give food to

s o
w

2. The keepers show the people how crocodile live.
display

e i l

3. When crocodiles lie in the water most of their body is underwater.
to be or place oneself at rest in a flat,

e n c a l

4. The keepers clean the crocodile pit.
free from dirt, stain

x c h e c

5. The keepers check the temperature of the air and the water.
the act of inspecting or verifying

s w p e e

6. They sweep the pit and clean the glass.
to clean with a broom or brush

B Circle the word with the same meaning as the underlined word.

1. The keepers look after crocodiles.

a) take care of b) look at c) watch d) come after

2. The crocodiles catch other animals.

a) feed b) follow c) hunt d) arrest

3. Greg must be careful because crocodiles can move very quickly.

a) harmful b) casual c) careless d) cautious

4. Greg shows the people how fast a crocodile can grab food.

a) grant b) snatch c) eat d) move

5. The crocodiles can swim very fast by moving their flat tails with fins.

a) slowly b) quickly c) lastly d) lazily

C Complete the sentences using words in the box.

Word Box

after how as take into because

1. They **look** after the crocodiles.
2. He must be careful because crocodiles can move very quickly.
3. Greg and Stuart **put** the crocodile eggs into an incubator to keep them warm.
4. Crocodiles can grow as long **as** a small truck.
5. Crocodile eggs take about 80 days to hatch.
6. Greg shows the people how fast a crocodile can grab food.

D Write your own sentences using the pattern.

It takes + (someone) + Length of Time + to + Verb

How long does it take eggs to hatch? (Length of time : 80 days)

⇒ It takes about 80 days to hatch.

1. How long does it take you to read a book? (Length of time : three days)
⇒ It takes me about three days to read a book.
2. How long does it take you to walk to school? (Length of time : ten minutes)
⇒ It takes me about ten minutes to walk.
3. How long does it take to drive to the airport? (Length of time : one hour)
⇒ It takes to about one hour to drive to the airport.
4. How long does it take to get to the library (twenty minutes on foot)
⇒ It takes to about twenty minutes on foot.

A Answer the following questions.

1. What helps crocodiles swim fast? (pp. 4~5)
 - ☒ a) The webbed toes and a flat tail with fins.
 - b) a strong tail and a large fin
 - c) a slim body and the strong muscles
2. Which parts of the crocodile are out of the water? (pp.6~7)
 - a) most of their body
 - b) their eyes and nose
 - ☒ c) their eyes and nose and ears
3. Why do the keepers need to be careful when they feed the crocodiles? (pp.10~11)
 - ☒ a) Because they can move very quickly
 - b) Because they can grab food
 - c) Because they can't be tamed
 - d) Because they can't be seen easily
4. Why do keepers need someone to watch crocodiles while they clean the crocodile pit? (pp.12~13)
 - ☒ a) To make sure that the crocodiles do not come near the other keeper.
 - b) To make sure that the crocodiles come near food.
 - c) To make sure that the crocodiles lie in the water.
5. How long do eggs need to stay in the incubator? (pp.15 ~16)
 - a) about 30 days
 - ☒ b) about 80 days
 - c) about 90 days

B Read and circle "T" for true or "F" for false.

1. Crocodiles move very quickly

☒ T / F

2. Crocodiles need a cold place to live.

T / ☒ F

3. When crocodiles lie in water, only their eyes are out of the water.

T / ☒ F

4. Female crocodiles lay eggs twice a year.

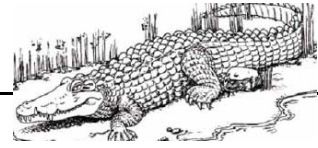
T / ☒ F

5. Crocodiles have three sets of eyelids.

☒ T / F

C Crocodiles facts.

Fill in the chart about crocodiles.



Name of animal	Crocodiles
How does a crocodile look like?	It has a long tail, webbed toes, bumpy skin and sharp teeth.
How can a crocodile move?	It can swim quickly by moving a tail.
What does a crocodile eat?	It eats fish, rats and chickens.
How is a crocodiles adopted to life in the water?	Eyes and nose are on top of its head.

Expression

a long tail webbed toes bumpy skin sharp teeth a short tail slithery skin dull teeth
 swim quickly by moving its a tail jump out of the water hide in the bush
 fish rats chickens seaweeds fruits plants
 Eyes and nose are on top of its head It has about 70 sets of teeth.

D Write about how crocodile keepers take care of crocodiles.

They feed the crocodiles **fish, rats and chickens**.

The keepers **clean** the crocodile pit. While one clean the pit, the other **watches** crocodiles to make sure that the crocodiles do not **come** **near** keepers.

Crocodiles are cold blooded animals so they need a **warm** place to live. The keepers check the **temperature** of the air and the water everyday.



fish, rats and chickens / clean / temperature / warm / watches / come / near