

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 _____ the crocodile fish, rats, and chickens.
to give food to

s o
w

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

e i l

3. When crocodiles _____ 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 _____ the crocodile pit.
free from dirt, stain

x c h e c

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

s w p e e

6. They _____ 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.

- The keepers look after crocodiles.
 - take care of
 - look at
 - watch
 - come after
- The crocodiles catch other animals.
 - feed
 - follow
 - hunt
 - arrest
- Greg must be careful because crocodiles can move very quickly.
 - harmful
 - casual
 - careless
 - cautious
- Greg shows the people how fast a crocodile can grab food.
 - grant
 - snatch
 - eat
 - move
- The crocodiles can swim very fast by moving their flat tails with fins.
 - slowly
 - quickly
 - lastly
 - lazily

C Complete the sentences using words in the box.

Word Box

after how as take into because

1. They **look** _____ the crocodiles.
2. He must be careful _____ crocodiles can move very quickly.
3. Greg and Stuart **put** the crocodile eggs _____ an incubator to keep them warm.
4. Crocodiles can grow _____ long **as** a small truck.
5. Crocodile eggs _____ about 80 days to hatch.
6. Greg shows the people _____ 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 _____.
2. How long does it take you to walk to school? (Length of time : ten minutes)
⇒ It takes me _____.
3. How long does it take to drive to the airport? (Length of time : one hour)
⇒ It takes to _____.
4. How long does it take to get to the library (twenty minutes on foot)
⇒ It takes to _____.

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.

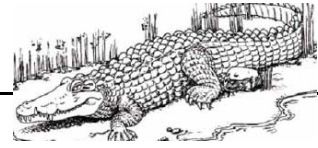
T / F

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
How can a crocodile move?	It can
What does a crocodile eat?	It eats
How is a crocodiles adopted to life in the water?	

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 _____.

The keepers _____ the crocodile pit. While one clean the pit, the other _____ crocodiles to make sure that the crocodiles do not _____ keepers.

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



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