

Rainbow Readers

Title: Albert and Camilla

Word Study

Fill in the blanks using the words.

reptiles

dinosaurs

sighed

tongue

trait

1. She sighed to show that she was sad.
2. Being loyal is a trait that most dogs have.
3. Your tongue is what lets you taste food.
4. Crocodiles and alligators are both reptiles.
5. There are no more dinosaurs living today.

Reading Comprehension

A. Circle T for true or F for false.

1. Albert had been in the zoo longer than Camilla. T / F
2. Albert understood what brackish meant. T / F
3. The other alligators in the zoo are all Albert's brothers and sisters. T / F
4. Camilla knows a lot about crocodiles but not about alligators. T / F
5. Camila wanted to make Albert feel bad. T / F

B. Circle the correct word(s).

1. The other animals said that Albert talked (too much / loudly).
2. Alligators' glands are not as good at (removing / getting) salt from water.
3. Albert has (never / always) lived in the zoo.
4. Crocodiles and alligators have differently shaped (jaws / eyes).
5. Albert was (glad / surprised) to learn about how different crocodiles and alligators are.

C. Choose the best answer.

1. Why was Camilla looking around in the morning?
 - a. To see where she would be living
 - b. To find a way to escape from the zoo
 - c. To look for food to eat
 - d. To find other animals to talk to

2. Why can't crocodiles and alligators live together?
 - a. Because they do not get along
 - b. Because they eat different food
 - c. Because they need different water
 - d. Because crocodiles are brackish

3. What happens to most alligators in the wild?
 - a. They are taken to the zoo to live.
 - b. They go without food for two years.
 - c. They start to eat animals like birds and lizards.
 - d. They die before they reach Albert's age.

4. Which is NOT a difference between alligators and crocodiles?
 - a. Only one was thought of as a god.
 - b. Only one is closely related to dinosaurs.
 - c. Only one prefers fresh water.
 - d. Only one has a long, pointed jaw.

5. In the end, what does Albert think about alligators?
 - a. They are better-looking than crocodiles.
 - b. They used to be gods in Egypt.
 - c. They are just like dinosaurs.
 - d. They should always walk on their back legs.

Summary

Fill in the blanks with the words.

ignore	jaws	pond	brackish	hatched
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Camilla the crocodile surfaced from the pond to look around. It was her first day in the zoo. Everything was quiet until Albert the alligator started talking. He was in the area next to Camilla's. He talked a lot and was excited to have a new friend. Camilla was nice to Albert and did not ignore him. Albert invited Camilla into his area, but she said she couldn't go there. Crocodiles need brackish water and alligators live in fresh water. Albert was sad, but Camilla explained he shouldn't be because life in the zoo was so good. She told him their lives would be much shorter in the wild. Albert had lived in the zoo ever since he had hatched from an egg. Albert thought he and Camilla had a lot in common. However, Camilla explained some of the ways they were different, such as the shape of their jaws. This made Albert feel bad. But then Camilla said they were both close relatives of dinosaurs. This made Albert feel better.