

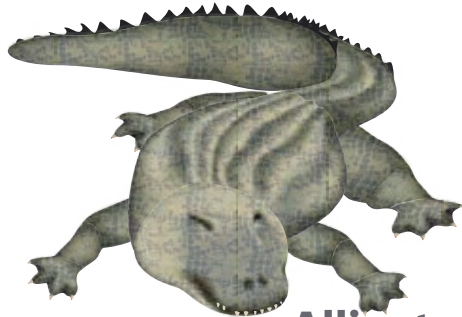
# Alligator vs. Crocodile

Did you know alligators are actually a kind of crocodile?  
The crocodile family has been around for 240 million years, longer than dinosaurs lived!

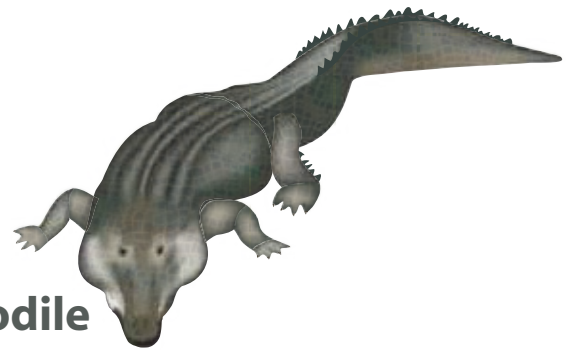
Crocodiles and alligators...

- are reptiles
- live both in the water and on land
- swim up to 20 miles per hour
- can hold their breath for an hour
- run up to 11 miles per hour
- have eyes on the top of their heads
- can see well in the dark
- have good hearing with slits for ears
- have a good sense of smell

## What makes Alligators a special kind of Crocodile?



**Alligator**



**Crocodile**

<b>Snout</b>	wide U-shaped, round, looks like a shovel	longer, more narrow V-shaped
<b>Jaw</b>	overlaps the lower jaw hiding its lower teeth "overbite"	upper and lower jaws are the same size
<b>Hind legs</b>	no fringe webbed feet	fringe on legs and feet
<b>Size</b>	American alligators 6-19 feet long Chinese alligators 5-7 feet long	African and Australian crocodiles up to 20 feet long and weigh over 2,200 pounds smaller crocodiles 6 feet long
<b>Habitat</b>	prefer fresh water no salt glands	can live easily in salt water due to salt glands on their tongues

## Crocodile Quiz

## Circle your answers.

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| 1. Which one has an "overbite"?  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Alligator | <input type="radio"/> Crocodile            |
| 2. Which one has fringe on its legs and feet?                            | <input type="radio"/> Alligator            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Crocodile |
| 3. Which one likes fresh water?  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Alligator | <input type="radio"/> Crocodile            |
| 4. Which one can swim 20 miles per hour and hold its breath for an hour? | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Alligator | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Crocodile |