

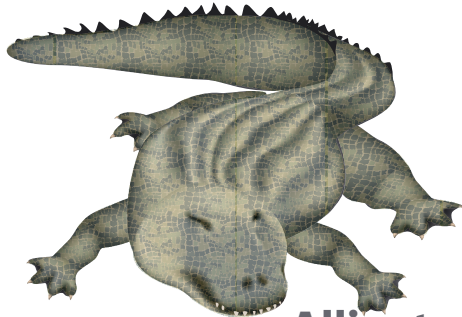
Alligator vs. Crocodile

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

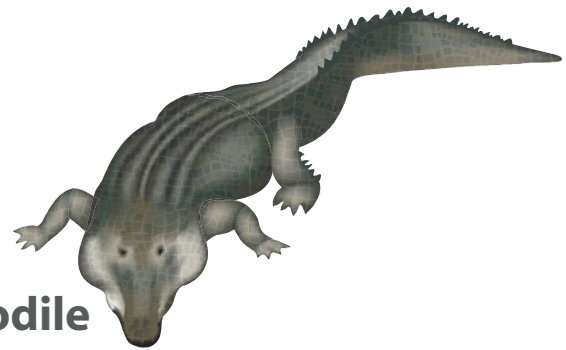
Crocodiles and alligators...

- 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

Snout	wide, U-shaped, round, looks like a shovel	longer, more narrow, V-shaped
Jaw	overlaps the lower jaw hiding its lower teeth, has an "overbite"	upper and lower jaws are the same size
Hind legs	no fringe, webbed feet	fringe on legs and feet
Size	American alligators are 6-19 feet long Chinese alligators are 5-7 feet long	African and Australian crocodiles are up to 20 feet long and weigh over 2,200 pounds, smaller crocodiles are 6 feet long
Habitat	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"? | Alligator | Crocodile |
| 2. Which one has fringe on its legs and feet? | Alligator | Crocodile |
| 3. Which one likes fresh water? | Alligator | Crocodile |
| 4. Which one can swim 20 miles per hour and hold its breath for an hour? | Alligator | Crocodile |