

For Creative Minds

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True or False?

Using what you read in the book, determine whether these statements are true or false.

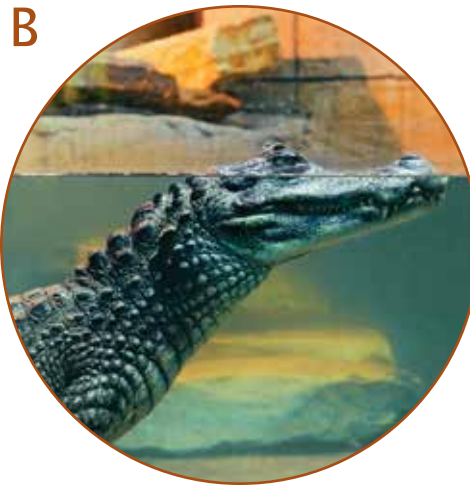
<p>1</p> <p>There are 14 different species of alligators and 2 crocodiles.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Five species of crocodilians are native to North America.</p>
<p>3</p> <p>Cold-blooded alligators and crocodiles bask in the sun to warm themselves.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>All reptiles lay eggs and the young survive purely on instinct.</p>
<p>5</p> <p>All alligators and crocodiles have tough, thick skin.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>In general, alligators have large, wide snouts. Many crocodiles have long pointed snouts but there is variation between species.</p>
<p>7</p> <p>If an alligator or crocodile loses a tooth, it will never grow back.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Alligators and crocodiles have webbed feet to help them move through water and claws to help them move on land.</p>

Answers: 1-False: There are 14 species of crocodiles and 2 alligators. 2-False: American alligators and American crocodiles are the only crocodilians that are native to North America. 3-True. 4-False: Most, but not all reptiles, lay eggs and the young survive on instinct. Alligator and crocodile moms protect and raise their young. 5-True. 6-True. 7-False: It just takes a few days for a new tooth to grow back! 8-True.

Match the Adaptation

All living things have adaptations that help them survive in their habitat. Match the photo of alligator and crocodile adaptations to the description.

1. Alligators and crocodiles have a third, clear eyelid (nictitating membrane) that helps them see underwater.
2. Mothers care for, protect, and raise their young.
3. Since they are cold-blooded, they bask in the sun to warm up.
4. They hide from potential prey by hiding most of their body underwater and keep their eyes, ears, and noses above water.
5. They have both webs and claws on their feet to help them move in water and on land.
6. Strong tails help push them through the water and even let them jump to grab prey.



Answers: 1C; 2F; 3A; 4B; 5E; 6D