

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS ACTIVITY SHEET  
COMPREHENSION-COMPARE AND CONTRAST  
STANDARD FOUR

Curriculum Topic: Comprehension

Teaching Point: Compare and Contrast information in a non - fiction piece

Making a comparison examines the similarities between two things while a contrast looks at the differences between two things.

CROCODILES VS ALLIGATORS



Read the passage and use the information to fill in graphic organiser tool.

Both crocodiles and alligators are big reptiles that

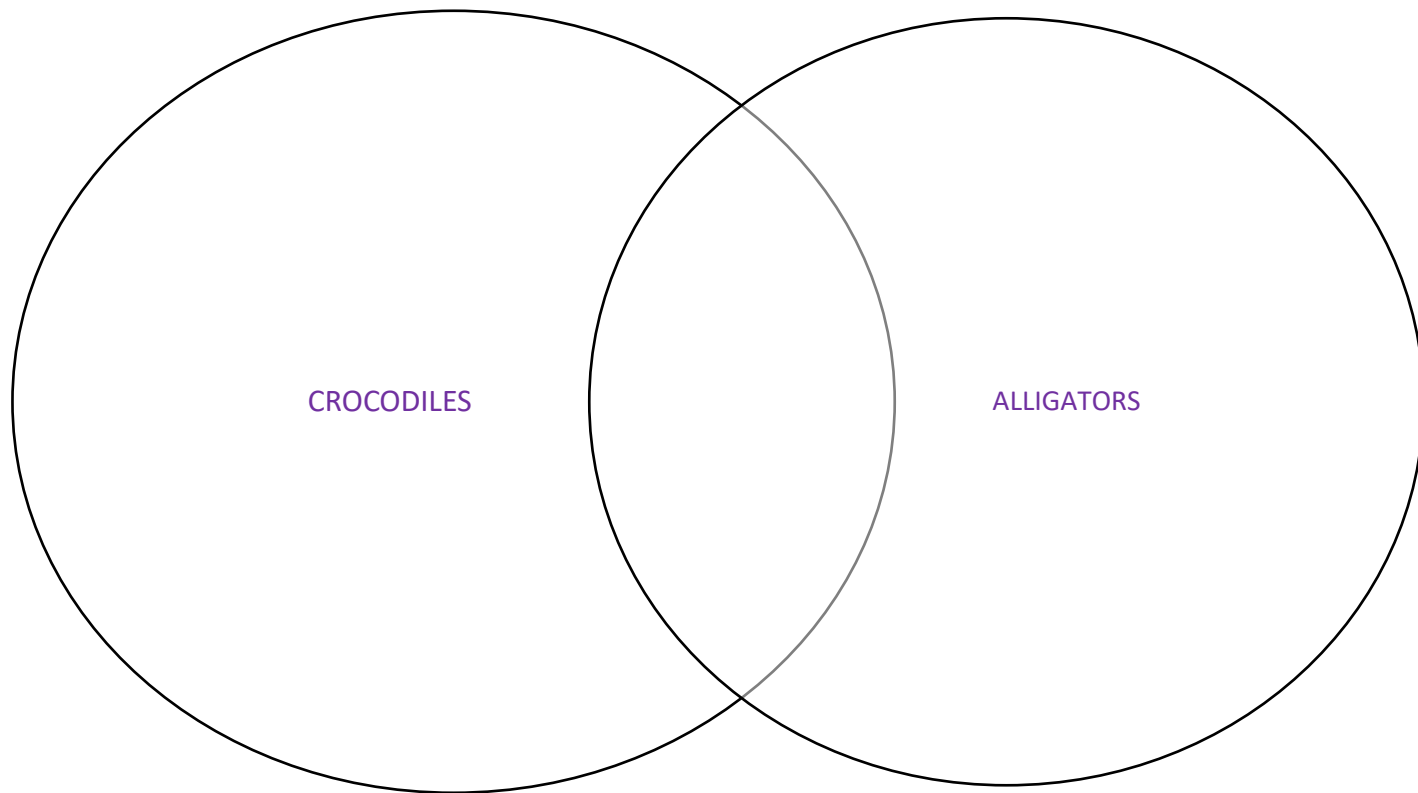
- lay eggs,
- have webbed feet,
- strong tails,
- big teeth,
- thick skin with bony scales
- are cold-blooded

Crocodiles and alligators live in or near water sources such as marshes, rivers, and lakes and they all like swimming. They are all carnivores. Some of their favourite prey include, deer, fish, turtles, wild pigs and birds.

1. **The shape of the snout.** The alligator's snout is U shaped and wide. A crocodile's is V-shaped and sharp.
2. **Habitat.** Most crocodiles prefer living in salty water while alligators like freshwater habitats such as rivers and lakes.
3. **Colour.** A crocodile's skin is normally lighter
4. **Speed.** Both in water and on land, crocodiles are slower than alligators.
5. **Behaviour.** Crocodiles are very hostile. On the other hand, alligators are more quiet and tame.

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Fill in the correct information in the space provided. Place their similarities in the middle section



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ANSWER KEY

Crocodile

- Snout is V shaped and sharp
- Prefers living in salty water
- Skin is usually lighter
- Slower than alligators
- Very hostile

Alligator

- Snout is U shaped and wide
- Prefers freshwater
- Skin is darker
- Faster than crocodile
- Quiet and tame

Same qualities

- lay eggs,
- have webbed feet,
- strong tails,
- big teeth,
- thick skin with bony scales
- carnivores
- like to swim
- cold blooded
- reptiles

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