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Crocodile facts

The first crocodiles appeared on earth, about 240 million years ago, around the same time as dinosaurs.

Crocodiles can stay underwater 1-2 hours. Their heart rate can drop to 2 or 3 beats per minute to help reduce oxygen consumption. The largest crocodile species is the saltwater crocodile. It can reach 7m in length and 1 tonne in weight.

Crocodiles sometimes swallow stones that grind the food inside their stomachs. These stones also serve as ballast.

Crocodiles do not have sweat glands. They release heat through their mouth cavities.

Crocodiles can go for several months without food.

In ancient Egypt, crocodiles were respected and even worshipped.

Do you know any more interesting facts about crocodiles?



Narrative

To "cry crocodile tears" is a common expression. Research the meaning of "crocodile tears".

Write a short narrative (story) based on "crocodile tears".

Plan before you write.

Who is in the story? (characters)

Where is the story taking place? (setting)

What happens to start the sequence of events? (complication)

What are the next events that happen? (sequence of events)

How does the story end? (resolution)

Number cruncher

Here is the cost of the food to feed crocodiles in the Reptile Park.

chicken £3.00 per kg

fish £2.50 per kg

rats £1.00 per kg

beef £3.00 per kg

Every month, each crocodile eats 6 kg of chicken, 8 kg of fish, 5 kg of rats and 3 kg of beef.

What is the total monthly cost to feed 6 crocodiles?

Design

Design an enclosure for a saltwater crocodile.

Consider these habitat needs:

- food
- shelter
- water
- place for breeding

Draw and label plans for your crocodile enclosure. Explain how you will account for the crocodile's needs.

What will you feed your crocodile?

How will you control the temperature?

What vegetation will you have?

Will you have a separate area for females to make a nest and lay eggs?

