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Croc!

Crocodiles have lived on Earth for a very, very long time. Imagine Earth some 200 million years ago when dinosaurs roamed the land. Along with those prehistoric creatures lived other reptiles, including crocodiles. In fact, crocodiles and alligators are the only reptiles still found today that survived the dinosaur age. They are the last living relatives of the dinosaurs.

Adult crocodiles have no natural enemies, but baby crocodiles do. They can be food for hungry fish, birds, and even other reptiles. At first, baby crocodiles eat insects. But as they grow in size, they start to eat frogs and fish. Adult crocodiles can feed on larger animals, including deer and zebra.

Crocodiles are semiaquatic creatures. This means that they spend part of their lives on land and part in water. They can swim on the water's surface or dive underwater. When a crocodile dives, it closes up its throat, ears, and nose to keep water out.

Like all reptiles, crocodiles are cold-blooded. If a reptile is in a cold place, its temperature goes down. If it goes to a warmer place, then its temperature goes up. Sometimes crocodiles warm up in the sun. If they get too hot, they go back into the water to cool off.

The only real enemies that crocodiles have are people. Crocodile skins have been used to make things such as belts and boots. Luckily, some people are doing their best to make sure that crocodiles survive.

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Answer the questions. You may reread parts of the passage to help you.

- What are crocodiles?
 - A birds
 - B insects
 - C reptiles
 - D zebras
- Crocodiles are the last living relatives of what animal?
 - F alligators
 - G deer
 - H dinosaurs
 - I fish
- Read this excerpt from the passage.
Crocodiles are semiaquatic creatures. This means that they spend part of their lives on land and part in water.
 In the excerpt above, which word in the first sentence is defined by the second sentence?
 - A are
 - B creatures
 - C crocodiles
 - D semiaquatic
- Why do crocodiles need help to survive?
 - E They can't find any food.
 - F Deer and zebra are feeding on them.
 - G They have fewer places to warm up.
 - H People kill them for their skin.
- What might a crocodile do during the day? Support your answer with at least two details from the passage. Write your response on another sheet of paper.

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Common Final Syllables *-tion*, *-sion*, *-ture*

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Phonics: Common Final Syllables *-tion*, *-sion*, *-ture*

Read each word. Rewrite the word on the line. Draw a slash to break the word into syllables. Reread the word. The first one has been done for you.

- action ac/tion
- picture _____
- question _____
- tension _____
- future _____
- lotion _____
- mansion _____
- nation _____
- pasture _____
- station _____

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Read the words in the box. Then read the sentences below. Complete each sentence with the correct word from the box. Reread the complete sentence.

Word Bank

reaction subtraction profession pasture lecture
attention tension description collection posture

- Raul's father's _____ is law.
- I always pay _____ in class.
- There was lots of _____ in the championship game.
- The horses roamed outside in the _____.
- A good _____ tells what something or someone is like.
- Addition and _____ are basic math skills.
- Trey has a huge stamp _____.
- The teacher gave a _____ about American history.
- Nora's face showed her _____ to the news.
- Improve your _____ by sitting and standing up straight.