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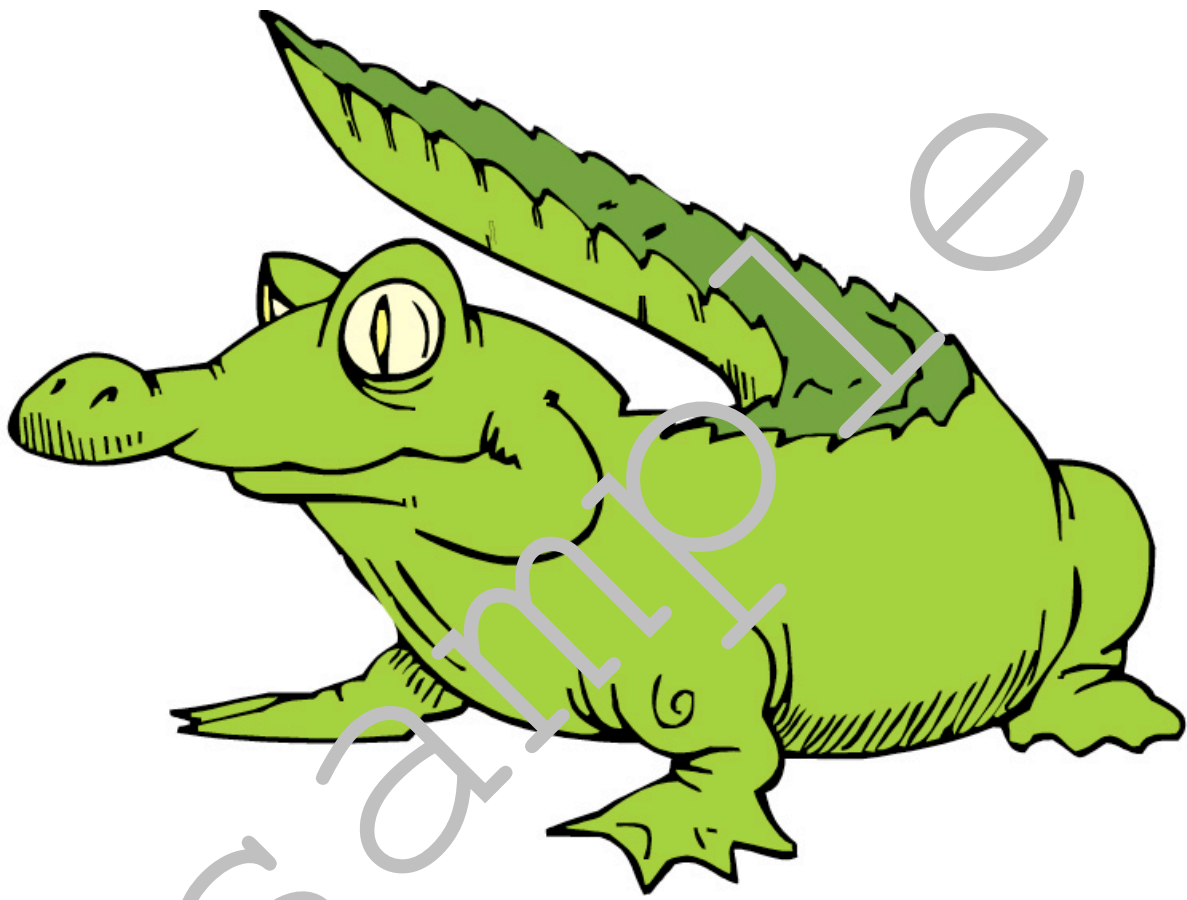
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Alligators



ALLIGATORS



Alligators are very large reptiles. They are related to crocodiles. Alligators and crocodiles look very much alike, but you can tell them apart. Crocodiles have a fourth tooth that sticks out from the lower jaw on each side. The alligator does not. The alligators have flatter, broader heads. Their snouts are rounded. The snout of the alligator is shorter than the crocodile's.

Alligators are found in warm areas.



Crocodile



American Alligator

Fill in the missing words. Write them on the lines below.

1. Alligators are related to _____.
2. Alligators are large _____.
3. The snout of the alligator is _____ than the crocodile's.
4. Alligators and _____ look alike.
5. Crocodiles have a _____ tooth that sticks out.

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Alligators can be found in two places around the world, the southeastern United States and in the Yangtze River in China. The Chinese alligator is the smaller of the two. It rarely grows beyond 5 feet. The American alligator is much bigger. The average American alligator is usually between 6 and 12 feet long.



Alligators swim with most of their bodies under the water. The color of their skin usually blends in with the muddy, murky water. The color of adult alligators is dark, greenish dull brown. Usually only their nostrils and eyes are above the water. The young alligators are almost all black with with yellow spots and stripes.

An alligator is a very large reptile. It has four very short legs. The tail of an alligator is very muscular and extremely strong. The tail helps it to be a strong swimmer. A protective covering of bony plates run down the back of the alligator. They are under the skin.

Read the questions below. Find the answers to the questions in books or on the Internet. Write your answers on the lines in complete sentences.



1. What color are young alligators and what color are adult alligators?

2. What two places are alligators found in the world?

ALLIGATORS



WORD FIND

Find and circle these words.
They run down, across, and diagonally.

jaws

swim

lake

water

swamp

snout

nest

riders

crocodile

eyes

lizards

eggs

s o r i v e r s g h e w t b c
g w b k a l b e a t c a u i a
o h i p o n o y s n u t a c l
c c s m i m a e m y a e k j f
x l e b a r t s e s v l k j e
f p c r o c o d i l e a e s s
l n e s t e o n f s r u l n l
i a r s u l e a h w y i o j i
p c y w t e t e o a s u r t z
p r w h i k k e r m t s o p a
e t l y h e t o o p h e i s r
r j a w s w b e r c e g g s d
s t j u m v m a p a l e r a s