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Crocodiles and Alligators



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Introduction

Crocodiles and alligators are relatives. They are part of a group of animals that lay eggs and have scaly skin, called **reptiles**.

Crocodiles and alligators are big. They are the biggest reptiles on Earth. They look the same. But in some ways, they are **different**.



A crocodile



An alligator

Where Crocodiles and Alligators Live

Crocodiles live in Australia, Asia, Africa, and North and South America. Alligators live mostly in the United States. Alligators live in fresh water. Some crocodiles live in fresh water, too. But some live in salt water.



Crocodiles live in both fresh water and salt water.

Crocodiles and Alligators around the World



Key

- Where crocodiles live
- Where alligators live

Crocodile and Alligator Bodies

Alligators have very big bodies. They can be up to 4 m long, or about as long as a car. They can weigh up to 270 kg, or as much as six 10-year-olds.

Crocodiles are different. They are bigger. They can be up to 6 m long and weigh up to 500 kg. Crocodiles are the heaviest reptiles on Earth.



Like an alligator, this crocodile warms its body in the sun.



Like a crocodile, this alligator has webbed toes on its back feet.