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# **SEMESTER II**

# **READING COMPREHENSION TEST**

# **ALLIGATORS**

The boys now returned to their tent. They lay down on the grass and talked about bears and alligators. As Paul was a young naturalist he knew a lot of interest­ing things about alligators. Here is what he told his brother about them.

He said that they were found in the rivers of Africa, in South and North America and in the West of India. There were a lot of alligators in the Ganges and other Indian rivers.

An alligator itself is long but his legs are very short. Alligators cannot turn round quickly, and it is easy to hunt them on land. One must only keep away from the alligator's big teeth and strong tail. He can even kill a man with it.

Alligators lay eggs as big as those of geese and put them in the sand where they are warmed by the heat of the sun. The number of eggs is often nearly two hundred.

"Is it true that old father alligators eat their own young ones?" asked Paul's brother.

"Yes, it is true. I saw it myself. The first concern of the mother is to get young alligators to the water where she can hide them better from their father but still many of the young are eaten by old alligators.

"When the young ones grow up they run away from their fathers as they are quicker in their movements. Small alligators often ride on the backs of their fa­thers. They know that the fathers cannot do anything with them in that situation."

"They can eat anything that comes in their way," added Paul, "but fish is their favourite food. They usually eat very slowly. Alligators don't need mush food. They sleep during the winter without any food."

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## READING COMPREHENSION TEST

**I. Fill in letters.**

1) wa...m 2) qui...kly; 3) favo...rite

4) the...r 5) he...t 6) mov...ment

**II. Fill in the suitable words.**

1. Paul knew a lot of … things about alligators.

2 Alligators have short …

3. An alligator can kill a man with its … .

4. Alligator lay eggs in the … .

5. Old alligators can … their children.

6. The fathers can do nothing when small alligators are on their…

**III. Answer the questions.**

1. Where can we find alligators?

2. Where is it easy to catch alligators?

3. How many eggs do alligators usually lay?

4. Why can't the fathers catch their children?

5. What is alligators' favourite food?

6. What do they do in winter?