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**Mister Crocodile**

**Познавательно-развивающий кроссворд**

**для учащихся 8 - 11 классов**



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**Across**

1. Crocodiles carry their babies to the water in their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . (5)

7. Most crocodiles live 50-60 years in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . Some crocodiles can live more than 80 years. (4)

9. Crocodiles' night vision is very good and they are mostly nocturnal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . (7)

10. Crocodile's skin is highly appreciated in fashion industry and represents a status symbol for wealthy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . (6)

11. Crocodiles have excellent eyesightб especially during the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . (5)

12. Expression "cry crocodile tears" is based on the true fact - crocodiles produce \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when they eat. (5)

13. Female crocodiles lays 20-80 eggs and take care of them 3 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . (6)

16. Crocodiles vary in size. Largest crocodile species is Saltwater Crocodile which can reach 13-18 feet in length and weigh up to 2200 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . (6)

17. Crocodiles have webbed feet which, though not used to propel them through the water - they tuck their feet to the side while swimming and use the power of their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , allow them to make fast turns and sudden moves in the water or initiate swimming. (5)

22. Crocodiles have the most sophisticated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the animal kingdom, and actively change the destination of blood that flows through it depending on requirements. (5)

25. 99% of crocodile babies will be eaten in the first \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of their life by large fish, hyenas, monitor lizards and larger crocodiles. (4)

26. Crocodiles are not dumb. While the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of a crocodilian is fairly small, it is capable of greater learning than most reptiles. (5)

27. Baby crocodiles can make noises from inside their eggs before they hatch. The mother can hear their voices, then digs up the eggs from the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , and takes the hatchlings to the water. (4)

28. They sometimes swallow stones to ensure faster grinding of the food in their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . (7)

**Down**

1. Contrary to the common \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , crocodile skin (and also alligator skin) is not bulletproof. (4)

2. Crocodiles can be often seen with their jaws wide open. They open their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to cool themselves because they don't have sweat glands. (4)

3. Like other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , crocodiles are cold-blooded. (8)

4. Crocodiles are meat-eaters (carnivores). They have 24 sharp teeth which are used for killing of fish, birds, mammals and small \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (their prey). (9)

5. There are 23 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of crocodiles and most of them are endangered because of poaching. (7)

6. The first crocodiles appeared around 250 million years ago, at the same time when dinosaurs appeared. The prehistoric \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of crocodiles were much bigger than today’s counterparts. (9)

8. Smallest crocodile species is Dwarf Crocodile which can reach 5 feet in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and weigh up to 40-70 pounds. (6)

13. Crocodiles don't chew their food. They tear apart flesh and swallow large chunks of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . (4)

14. Crocodiles have a valve at the back of their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ allowing them to open their jaw underwater. (6)

15. Only crocodile's belly has a gentle skin. Skin on their back contains bony structures (called osteoderms) which make \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ bulletproof. (4)

18. They don't cry because they feel sorry for the prey, but because they swallow too much \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , which gets in touch with lachrymal glands (glands that produce tears) and forces tears to flow. (3)

19. Crocodiles' top swimming \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is 15 km/h (9.3 mph). (5)

20. Crocodiles are large reptiles that live in fresh water, lakes, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , brackish water (mix between salty and fresh water). (6)

21. Closest relatives of crocodiles are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and dinosaurs. (5)

23. Crocodiles live on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 240 million years. They appeared at the same time when dinosaurs appeared. (5)

24. they have a very slow metabolism, which allows them to survive long periods without \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . (4)

**Answers**

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**1. MOUTH**—Crocodiles carry their babies to the water in their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

**7. WILD**—Most crocodiles live 50-60 years in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . Some crocodiles can live more than 80 years.

**9. HUNTERS**—Crocodiles' night vision is very good and they are mostly nocturnal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

**10. PEOPLE**—Crocodile's skin is highly appreciated in fashion industry and represents a status symbol for wealthy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

**11. NIGHT**—Crocodiles have excellent eyesightб especially during the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

**12. TEARS**—Expression "cry crocodile tears" is based on the true fact - crocodiles produce \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when they eat.

**13. MONTHS**—Female crocodiles lays 20-80 eggs and take care of them 3 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

**16. POUNDS**—Crocodiles vary in size. Largest crocodile species is Saltwater Crocodile which can reach 13-18 feet in length and weigh up to 2200 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

**17. TAILS**—Crocodiles have webbed feet which, though not used to propel them through the water - they tuck their feet to the side while swimming and use the power of their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , allow them to make fast turns and sudden moves in the water or initiate swimming.

**22. HEART**—Crocodiles have the most sophisticated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the animal kingdom, and actively change the destination of blood that flows through it depending on requirements.

**25. YEAR**—99% of crocodile babies will be eaten in the first \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of their life by large fish, hyenas, monitor lizards and larger crocodiles.

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**27. SAND**—Baby crocodiles can make noises from inside their eggs before they hatch. The mother can hear their voices, then digs up the eggs from the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , and takes the hatchlings to the water.

**28. STOMACH**—They sometimes swallow stones to ensure faster grinding of the food in their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**1. MYTH**—Contrary to the common \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , crocodile skin (and also alligator skin) is not bulletproof.

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**3. REPTILES**—Like other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , crocodiles are cold-blooded.

**4. CROCODILE**—Crocodiles are meat-eaters (carnivores). They have 24 sharp teeth which are used for killing of fish, birds, mammals and small \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (their prey).

**5. SPECIES**—There are 23 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of crocodiles and most of them are endangered because of poaching.

**6. ANCESTORS**—The first crocodiles appeared around 250 million years ago, at the same time when dinosaurs appeared. The prehistoric \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of crocodiles were much bigger than today’s counterparts.

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**13. MEAT**—Crocodiles don't chew their food. They tear apart flesh and swallow large chunks of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

**14. THROAT**—Crocodiles have a valve at the back of their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ allowing them to open their jaw underwater.

**15. SKIN**—Only crocodile's belly has a gentle skin. Skin on their back contains bony structures (called osteoderms) which make \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ bulletproof.

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**20. RIVERS**—Crocodiles are large reptiles that live in fresh water, lakes, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , brackish water (mix between salty and fresh water).

**21. BIRDS**—Closest relatives of crocodiles are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and dinosaurs.

**23. EARTH**—Crocodiles live on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 240 million years. They appeared at the same time when dinosaurs appeared.

**24. FOOD**—they have a very slow metabolism, which allows them to survive long periods without \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

**Источники, использованные при составлении кроссворда:**

**20 amazing crocodile facts** [**https://ourplnt.com/crocodile-facts/**](https://ourplnt.com/crocodile-facts/)

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