# My Crocodile Fact File

**Read the crocodile fact page, then fill in your fact file.**

Name: _____ Date: _____

## Draw a crocodile

## Crocodile facts

**Size:** _____

**Weight:** _____

**Lifespan:** _____

**Diet:** _____

**Habitat:** _____

**Where:** _____

**Status:** _____

## Match the word to its meaning

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| **1. crocodilian** ____ | A. a member of the group that includes crocodiles, alligators, caimans and the gharial |
| **2. ambush** ____ | B. small bony plates in the skin that work like armor |
| **3. estuary** ____ | C. the place where a river meets the sea and fresh water mixes with salt water |
| **4. hatchling** ____ | D. to hide and wait, then attack by surprise |
| **5. osteoderms** ____ | E. a baby animal that has just come out of its egg |

## The most amazing thing I learned about crocodiles

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# Answer Key

## Crocodile Fact File

### Crocodile facts

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| **Scientific name:** | Saltwater: Crocodylus porosus |
| **Size:** | Males usually 11–16 ft (3.5–5 m) |
| **Weight:** | Big males about 1,000 lb (450 kg) |
| **Lifespan:** | About 45–70 years in the wild |
| **Diet:** | Fish, birds, mammals, reptiles |
| **Habitat:** | Rivers, swamps, estuaries, coasts |
| **Where:** | Warm regions on four continents |
| **Status:** | Varies; saltwater and Nile: LC |

Accept any answer that matches the fact page; sizes and lifespans are approximate.

### Word match

1–A, 2–D, 3–C, 4–E, 5–B

### Wow facts to share

- The saltwater crocodile is the largest reptile alive today.
- The nest's temperature decides if babies are male or female.
- Crocodile mothers carry their babies to water in their mouths.