

Ancient SuperCroc Had Cousins

Use the News

Comprehension Check

Read the facts below. About which of the five new crocodiles does each fact tell? Write the crocodile name on the line. Some croc names will be used more than once.



- _____ 1. This small, fast crocodile used its speed to escape from predators.
- _____ 2. It is the largest of the five new crocodile discoveries.
- _____ 3. This upright plant- and grub-eater had buckteeth.
- _____ 4. Frogs were one of this crocodile's favorite meals.
- _____ 5. This crocodile could hunt down dinosaurs three times its size.
- _____ 6. It used its fangs to slice up its dinosaur prey.
- _____ 7. This water-based croc used its snout to hunt down fish.
- _____ 8. This large, fast crocodile ran down its prey.
- _____ 9. It kept its flat head low to the ground.
- _____ 10. This was the scariest of the five crocodile cousins.

Language Practice: Find the Mistake

Each sentence below includes a mistake. It might be a mistake of spelling, capitalization, punctuation, or word use. Can you find and circle the mistake in each sentence?

1. Scientists found the bones of five new crocodile species in the African dessert.
2. The desert of Africa used to be more like wetlands you might find today in the state of florida.
3. If you were a dinosaur, would you have been afraid of SuperCroc.
4. Scientists has given the BoarCroc the nickname "dinosaur slicer."
5. I'll bet you wouldnt want to meet up with a modern-day crocodile.

Main Idea

Color the circle next to the statement that best describes the *main idea* of this week's News for You story.

- The PancakeCroc was the largest of the new dinosaur discoveries.
- A handful of different crocodiles roamed Earth at the same time as dinosaurs did.
- Modern-day crocodiles first appeared about 80 million years ago.
- The upright DogCroc was about the same size as a dog, and it had a dog-like nose too.