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**Level 3 – 13th August, 2020**

## **Bus-sized crocodiles once roamed the Earth**

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200813-giant-crocodiles.html>

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<https://phys.org/news/2020-08-power-deinosuchus-teeth-size-bananas.html>

# WARM-UPS

**1. CROCODILES:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about crocodiles. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

gigantic / terror / crocodiles / paleontology / dinosaurs / Pacific / Atlantic / bananas / study / ancestors / research / animal / predator / teeth / drink / habitat / menu

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. PALEONTOLOGY:** Students A **strongly** believe it is very important to study paleontology; Students B **strongly** believe it isn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. GIGANTIC:** How bad would these things be if they were the size of a bus? Why? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

Giant...	How Bad	Why?
bee		
ant		
crow		
rat		
frog		
rabbit		

**5. BUS:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "bus". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**6. EXPERT:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best things to be an expert in at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Dinosaurs
- Cooking
- Coding
- Child care
- Physics
- Gaming
- The history of music
- World politics

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |            |   |
|------------|---|
| 1. terror  | a. A blade used for cutting hair or shaving.                |
| 2. roamed  | b. Very, very, very scary.                                  |
| 3. expert  | c. The part of the land near the sea; the edge of the land. |
| 4. ancient | d. Moved about, walked or travelled over a wide area.       |
| 5. coast   | e. Belonging to the far, far past and no longer here.       |
| 6. preyed  | f. Someone who knows everything about a topic or area.      |
| 7. razor   | g. Hunted and killed animals for food.                      |

## Paragraph 2

- |                |   |
|----------------|---|
| 8. detail      | h. An individual feature, fact, or item.                              |
| 9. ancestor    | i. The natural home or area of an animal, plant, or other organism.   |
| 10. bizarre    | j. An early type of animal or plant from which others have developed. |
| 11. predator   | k. Very large in size, quantity, or extent.                           |
| 12. terrorised | l. Very strange or unusual.   |
| 13. enormous   | m. An animal that naturally hunts and kills other animals.            |
| 14. habitat    | n. Made someone or something feel great fear for a long time.         |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200813-giant-crocodiles.html>

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. The article said there is a very old picture of giant crocodiles. **T / F**
- b. The study was conducted by universities in Brazil. **T / F**
- c. The giant crocodiles lived only along the Pacific coast of N. America. **T / F**
- d. The crocodiles had teeth the size of large bananas. **T / F**
- e. The crocodiles roamed the Earth around 80 million years ago. **T / F**
- f. Paleontologists studied old bone parts. **T / F**
- g. Other dinosaurs terrorised the giant crocodile when it drank. **T / F**
- h. The giant crocodiles ate pretty much anything that was there. **T / F**

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- |                      |                |
|----------------------|----------------|
| <b>1. gigantic</b>   | a. prehistoric |
| <b>2. terrifying</b> | b. found       |
| <b>3. ancient</b>    | c. strange     |
| <b>4. experts</b>    | d. scary       |
| <b>5. discovered</b> | e. information |
| <b>6. details</b>    | f. environment |
| <b>7. complete</b>   | g. huge        |
| <b>8. bizarre</b>    | h. explained   |
| <b>9. described</b>  | i. specialists |
| <b>10. habitat</b>   | j. whole       |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |   |                          |
|---|--------------------------|
| 1. Gigantic "terror crocodiles" that were | a. on other dinosaurs    |
| 2. Researchers who are experts            | b. of today's crocodiles |
| 3. The giant beasts preyed                | c. sharp teeth           |
| 4. prehistoric                            | d. to drink              |
| 5. razor-                                 | e. menu                  |
| 6. the ancestors                          | f. in paleontology       |
| 7. a bizarre, monstrous                   | g. the beast was         |
| 8. came to the water's edge               | h. as large as buses     |
| 9. described how scary                    | i. predator              |
| 10. on the                                | j. crocodiles            |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200813-giant-crocodiles.html>

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(2) \_\_\_\_\_ comes from a study that was published  
this week in the "Journal of Vertebrate Paleontology". The  
(3) \_\_\_\_\_ is from universities in the USA.  
Researchers who are (4) \_\_\_\_\_ in paleontology - the  
study of dinosaurs - studied (5) \_\_\_\_\_ bones found in  
North America. They said that the dinosaurs lived along the Pacific  
and Atlantic (6) \_\_\_\_\_ of what is now Canada and the  
USA. The giant beasts preyed on other dinosaurs and were up to  
ten metres in (7) \_\_\_\_\_. The researchers discovered  
that the prehistoric crocodiles had razor-sharp teeth that were the  
(8) \_\_\_\_\_ of large bananas.

*study*  
*coasts*  
*experts*  
*buses*  
*size*  
*picture*  
*length*  
*ancient*

Co-author of the study Dr Adam Cossette gave  
(9) \_\_\_\_\_ of how he thought the crocodiles lived. He  
said they lived between 75 and 82 million years ago and are the  
(10) \_\_\_\_\_ of today's crocodiles and alligators. He  
wrote about his research on the (11) \_\_\_\_\_ parts he  
studied. He said: "Until now, the (12) \_\_\_\_\_ animal  
was unknown. These new specimens we've examined reveal a  
bizarre, monstrous (13) \_\_\_\_\_ with teeth the size of  
bananas." He added that it was, "a giant that must have terrorised  
other dinosaurs that came to the water's (14) \_\_\_\_\_  
to drink." Another co-author of the study described how scary the  
(15) \_\_\_\_\_ was. She wrote: "It was so enormous,  
almost everything in its habitat was on the  
(16) \_\_\_\_\_."

*edge*  
*bone*  
*predator*  
*menu*  
*details*  
*beast*  
*ancestors*  
*complete*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200813-giant-crocodiles.html>

- 1) Gigantic "terror crocodiles" that were as \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. large was buses
  - b. large has buses
  - c. large as buses
  - d. large is buses
- 2) experts in paleontology - the study of dinosaurs - \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. study it ancient bones
  - b. studded ancient bones
  - c. studied ancient bones
  - d. study ancient bones
- 3) They said that the dinosaurs lived along the Pacific \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. and Atlantic coats
  - b. and Atlantic casts
  - c. and Atlantic castes
  - d. and Atlantic coasts
- 4) The giant beasts preyed on other dinosaurs and were up to ten \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. metres in length
  - b. metres on length
  - c. metres to length
  - d. metres at length
- 5) The researchers discovered that the prehistoric crocodiles had \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. razor-sharp tooth
  - b. razor-sharp teeth
  - c. razor-sharp teething
  - d. razor-sharp teethes
- 6) Co-author of the study Dr Adam Cossette \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. gave detail
  - b. gave detailed
  - c. gave details
  - d. gave detailing
- 7) He said they lived between 75 and 82 \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. million year ago
  - b. million years ergo
  - c. million yearly ago
  - d. million years ago
- 8) He wrote about his research on the bone \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. parts he studied
  - b. parties he studied
  - c. spats he studied
  - d. plaits he studied
- 9) These new specimens we've examined reveal a bizarre, \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. monstrous predator
  - b. monstrous pre dater
  - c. monstrous pre-dated
  - d. monstrous pre-date
- 10) It was so enormous, almost everything \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. in its habitual
  - b. in its habit at
  - c. in it habitat
  - d. in its habitat

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200813-giant-crocodiles.html>

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200813-giant-crocodiles.html>

1. How big did the article say the giant crocodiles were?
2. Where was the research published?
3. What does a paleontologist study?
4. How long were the giant crocodiles?
5. How large were the teeth of the giant crocodiles?
6. Who is Adam Cossette?
7. How long ago did the crocodiles live?
8. What did a researcher write about?
9. Where might other dinosaurs come to drink and be in danger?
10. What did a researcher say was on the crocodile's menu?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200813-giant-crocodiles.html>

- 1) How big did the article say the giant crocodiles were?
  - a) as big as a car
  - b) as big as a house
  - c) as big as a bus
  - d) as big as trees
- 2) Where was the research published?
  - a) in a journal
  - b) in a book
  - c) online
  - d) in a newspaper
- 3) What does a paleontologist study?
  - a) dinosaurs
  - b) crocodiles
  - c) teeth
  - d) ancient history
- 4) How long were the giant crocodiles?
  - a) over 10 metres
  - b) up to 10 metres
  - c) exactly 10 metres
  - d) much less than 10 metres
- 5) How large were the teeth of the giant crocodiles?
  - a) as big as trash cans
  - b) as big as coconuts
  - c) as big as refrigerator doors
  - d) as big as large bananas
- 6) Who is Adam Cossette?
  - a) a crocodile hunter
  - b) co-author of the study
  - c) a journalist
  - d) a student
- 7) How long ago did the crocodiles live?
  - a) between 75 and 82 million years ago
  - b) between 68 and 75 million years ago
  - c) between 65 and 72 million years ago
  - d) between 82 and 97 million years ago
- 8) What did a researcher write about?
  - a) teeth
  - b) crocodile diets
  - c) bone parts
  - d) crocodile skin
- 9) Where might other dinosaurs come to drink and be in danger?
  - a) a river
  - b) a waterfall
  - c) puddles
  - d) the water's edge
- 10) What did a researcher say was on the crocodile's menu?
  - a) almost anything in its habitat
  - b) only cows
  - c) only river creatures
  - d) they were vegetarian

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – Dinosaurs**

You think being an expert on dinosaurs is best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): coding, music or child care.

## **Role B – Coding**

You think being an expert on coding is best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): dinosaurs, music or child care.

## **Role C – Music**

You think being an expert on music is best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): coding, dinosaurs or child care.

## **Role D – Child Care**

You think being an expert on child care is best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): coding, music or dinosaurs.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200813-giant-crocodiles.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'terror' and 'crocodile'.

terror	crocodile

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• large</li><li>• journal</li><li>• experts</li><li>• coasts</li><li>• ten</li><li>• size</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• thought</li><li>• 82</li><li>• parts</li><li>• new</li><li>• bizarre</li><li>• menu</li></ul>
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# CROCODILES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200813-giant-crocodiles.html>

Write five GOOD questions about crocodiles in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

# CROCODILES DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'terror'?
3. What do you know about crocodiles?
4. What do you think of the idea of bus-sized crocodiles?
5. How much are crocodiles like dinosaurs?
6. How interested are you in dinosaurs?
7. What would you like to be an expert in?
8. What would you do if you saw a crocodile?
9. What is your favourite dinosaur?
10. How important is it for humans to study dinosaurs?

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# CROCODILES DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'crocodile'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think of crocodiles?
15. What was life on Earth like 75 million years ago?
16. What was your neighbourhood like 75 million years ago?
17. What would you do if you saw a bus-sized crocodile?
18. Why did the dinosaurs die out?
19. What three adjectives best describe this story?
20. What questions would you like to ask the paleontologists?

## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200813-giant-crocodiles.html>

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## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |                |                |                |               |
|-----|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1.  | (a) busies     | (b) buses      | (c) bases      | (d) basses    |
| 2.  | (a) typifying  | (b) terrifying | (c) trapping   | (d) trifling  |
| 3.  | (a) publishing | (b) publishes  | (c) publish    | (d) published |
| 4.  | (a) to         | (b) of         | (c) at         | (d) on        |
| 5.  | (a) of         | (b) at         | (c) in         | (d) on        |
| 6.  | (a) large      | (b) amount     | (c) size       | (d) big       |
| 7.  | (a) gave       | (b) did        | (c) write      | (d) thought   |
| 8.  | (a) to         | (b) at         | (c) of         | (d) on        |
| 9.  | (a) noon       | (b) known      | (c) know       | (d) now       |
| 10. | (a) have       | (b) did        | (c) be         | (d) really    |
| 11. | (a) edge       | (b) drop       | (c) meniscus   | (d) tension   |
| 12. | (a) menu       | (b) choice     | (c) a la carte | (d) list      |



# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. iatggcni "terror crocodiles"
2. This grtrfyinie picture
3. studied aenintc bones
4. The giant beasts eerdyp on other dinosaurs
5. etorshprici crocodiles
6. rzrao-sharp teeth

## Paragraph 2

7. the resotcsan of today's crocodiles
8. These new siscpmeen we've examined
9. a zriarbe, monstrous predator
10. came to the water's geed to drink
11. It was so nosumreo
12. almost everything in its thiatba

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200813-giant-crocodiles.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) universities in the USA. Researchers who are experts in paleontology - the study
- ( **1** ) Gigantic "terror crocodiles" that were as large as buses once roamed the Earth. This terrifying
- ( ) about his research on the bone parts he studied. He said: "Until now, the complete animal was
- ( ) and Atlantic coasts of what is now Canada and the USA. The giant beasts preyed
- ( ) unknown. These new specimens we've examined reveal a bizarre, monstrous predator with teeth the size
- ( ) Co-author of the study Dr Adam Cossette gave details of how he thought the crocodiles lived. He said they lived between
- ( ) of dinosaurs - studied ancient bones found in North America. They said that the dinosaurs lived along the Pacific
- ( ) on other dinosaurs and were up to ten metres in length. The researchers discovered that the
- ( ) picture comes from a study that was published this week in the "Journal of Vertebrate Paleontology". The study is from
- ( ) prehistoric crocodiles had razor-sharp teeth that were the size of large bananas.
- ( ) the beast was. She wrote: "It was so enormous, almost everything in its habitat was on the menu."
- ( ) 75 and 82 million years ago and are the ancestors of today's crocodiles and alligators. He wrote
- ( ) to the water's edge to drink." Another co-author of the study described how scary
- ( ) of bananas." He added that it was, "a giant that must have terrorised other dinosaurs that came

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200813-giant-crocodiles.html>

1. buses . that crocodiles as as large Terror were
2. published was that study this A earlier week .
3. bones America . North found Researchers in ancient studied
4. coast . along The dinosaurs the Pacific lived
5. teeth of the Razor-sharp that size were bananas .
6. lived . Details crocodiles of thought the he how
7. ago 75 and They million years 82 lived between .
8. on parts . He his wrote about research bone
9. that to came Other water's dinosaurs edge . the
10. Everything the its on habitat in was menu .

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200813-giant-crocodiles.html>

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Co-author of the study Dr Adam Cossette gave *detail / details* of how he thought the crocodiles lived. He said they lived *between / among* 75 and 82 million years ago and are the *ancestry / ancestors* of today's crocodiles and alligators. He wrote about his research *on / in* the bone parts he studied. He said: "Until *know / now*, the complete animal was unknown. These new specimens we've examined *travel / reveal* a bizarre, monstrous predator with teeth the size of bananas." He *subtracted / added* that it was, "a giant that must have terrorised other dinosaurs that came to the water's *edge / drop* to drink." Another co-author of the study described how *scared / scary* the beast was. She wrote: "It was so enormous, almost everything in its habitat was on the *menu / contents*."

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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G\_g\_n\_t\_c " t\_r\_r\_r\_c\_r\_c\_d\_l\_s " t\_h\_t w\_r\_s l\_r\_g\_s b\_s\_s \_n\_c\_r\_\_m\_d t\_h\_ E\_r\_t\_h. T\_h\_s t\_r\_r\_f y\_n\_g p\_c\_t\_r\_c\_m\_s f\_r\_m \_s\_t\_d\_y t\_h\_t w\_s p\_b l\_s\_h\_d t\_h\_s w\_\_k \_n\_ t\_h\_ " J\_\_r\_n\_l \_f V\_r\_t\_b r\_t\_ P\_l\_\_n\_t\_l\_g\_y ". T\_h\_ s\_t\_d\_y \_s\_ f\_r\_m \_n\_v\_r s\_t\_\_s \_n\_ t\_h\_ U\_S\_A. R\_s\_\_r\_c\_h\_r\_s w\_h\_\_r\_\_x\_p\_r t\_s \_n\_ p\_l\_\_n\_t\_l\_g\_y - t\_h\_ s\_t\_d\_y \_f\_ d\_n\_s\_\_r\_s - s\_t\_d\_\_d \_n\_c\_\_n\_t b\_n\_s f\_\_n\_d \_n\_ N\_r\_t\_h A m\_r\_c\_. T\_h\_y s\_\_d t\_h\_t t\_h\_ d\_n\_s\_\_r\_s l\_v\_d \_l\_n\_g t\_h\_ P\_c\_f\_c \_n\_d A\_t\_l\_n\_t\_c c\_\_s\_t\_s \_f\_ w h\_t \_s\_ n\_w C\_n\_d\_ \_n\_d t\_h\_ U\_S\_A. T\_h\_ g\_\_n\_t b\_\_s\_t\_s p\_r\_y\_d \_n\_ t\_h\_r d\_n\_s\_\_r\_s \_n\_d w\_r\_p t\_t\_n m\_t\_r\_s \_n\_ l\_n\_g\_t\_h. T\_h\_r\_s\_\_r\_c\_h\_r\_s d\_s c\_v\_r\_d t\_h\_t t\_h\_ p\_r\_h\_s\_t\_r\_c c\_r\_c\_d\_l\_s h\_d r\_z\_r-s\_h\_r\_p t\_\_t\_h t\_h\_t w\_r\_ t\_h\_ s\_z\_ \_f\_ l\_r\_g\_b\_n\_n\_s.

C\_-\_ t\_h\_r \_f\_ t\_h\_ s\_t\_d\_y D\_r A\_d\_m C\_s\_s\_t\_t\_g\_v\_ d\_t\_\_l\_s \_f\_ h\_w h\_ t\_h\_\_g\_h\_t t\_h\_ c\_r\_c\_d\_l\_s l\_v\_d. H\_ s\_\_d t\_h\_y l\_v\_d b\_t\_w\_\_n 75 \_n\_d 82 m\_l\_l\_\_n y\_\_r\_s \_g\_ \_n\_d \_r\_ t\_h\_ \_n\_c\_s\_t\_r\_s \_f\_ t\_d\_y's c\_r\_c\_d\_l\_s \_n\_d \_l\_l\_g\_t\_r\_s. H\_ w\_r\_t\_ b\_\_t\_h\_s r\_s\_\_r\_c\_h \_n\_ t\_h\_ b\_n\_ p\_r\_t\_s h\_ s\_t\_d\_\_d. H\_ s\_\_d: " U\_n\_t\_l \_n\_w, t\_h\_ c\_m\_p\_l\_t\_ \_n\_m\_l w\_s \_n\_k\_n\_w\_n. T\_h\_s\_ n\_w s\_p\_c\_m\_n\_s w\_'v\_ \_x\_m\_n\_d r\_v\_\_l \_b\_z\_r\_r\_, m\_n\_s\_t\_r\_\_s p\_r\_d\_t\_r w\_t\_h t\_\_t\_h t\_h\_ s\_z\_ \_f\_ b\_n\_n\_s." H\_ \_d\_d\_d t\_h\_t \_t\_ w\_s, "\_ g\_\_n\_t t\_h\_t m\_s\_t h\_v\_ t\_r r\_r\_s\_d \_t\_h\_r d\_n\_s\_\_r\_s t\_h\_t c\_m\_ t\_ t\_h\_ w\_t\_r' s \_d\_g\_ t\_ d\_r\_n\_k." A\_n\_t\_h\_r c\_-\_t\_h\_r \_f\_ t\_h\_ s\_t\_d\_y d\_s\_c\_r\_b\_d h\_w s\_c\_r\_y t\_h\_ b\_\_s\_t w\_s. S\_h\_ w\_r\_t\_: " I\_t w\_s s\_\_n\_r\_m\_\_s, \_l\_m\_s\_t \_v\_r\_y t\_h\_n\_g \_n\_ \_t\_s h\_b\_t\_t w\_s \_n\_ t\_h\_ m\_n\_." "

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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coauthor of the study dr adam cossette gave details of how he thought the crocodiles lived he said they lived between 75 and 82 million years ago and are the ancestors of todays crocodiles and alligators he wrote about his research on the bone parts he studied he said until now the complete animal was unknown these new specimens weve examined reveal a bizarre monstrous predator with teeth the size of bananas he added that it was a giant that must have terrorised other dinosaurs that came to the waters edge to drink another coauthor of the study described how scary the beast was she wrote it was so enormous almost everything in its habitat was on the menu

## PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# HOMework

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. CROCODILES:** Make a poster about crocodiles. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. DINOSAURS:** Write a magazine article about bringing back some dinosaurs. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on crocodiles. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on dinosaurs. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. b    2. d    3. f    4. e    5. c    6. g    7. a  
8. h    9. j    10. l    11. m    12. n    13. k    14. i

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F    b F    c F    d T    e T    f T    g F    h T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. g	2. d	3. a	4. i	5. b
6. e	7. j	8. c	9. h	10. f

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- As big as a bus
- In a journal
- Dinosaurs
- Up to 10 metres
- As big as large bananas
- Co-author of the study
- Between 75 and 82 million years ago
- Bone parts
- The water's edge
- Almost everything in its habitat

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

- Terror crocodiles that were as large as buses.
- A study that was published earlier this week.
- Researchers studied ancient bones found in North America.
- The dinosaurs lived along the Pacific coast.
- Razor-sharp teeth that were the size of bananas.
- Details of how he thought the crocodiles lived.
- They lived between 75 and 82 million years ago
- He wrote about his research on bone parts.
- Other dinosaurs that came to the water's edge.
- Everything in its habitat was on the menu.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c    2. a    3. a    4. b    5. d    6. b    7. a    8. c    9. d    10. a

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)