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Level 0 – 13th August, 2020

Bus-sized crocodiles once roamed the Earth

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Giant "terror crocodiles" the size of a bus lived on Earth 75 million years ago. Researchers studied old bones found in America. They said the crocodiles lived along the east and west coasts of North America. Some of the giant crocodiles were ten metres long. They hunted and ate other dinosaurs.

The giant crocodiles changed to give us today's crocodiles. A researcher studied new bones. He said the bones showed there was a strange, giant hunter "with teeth the size of bananas". He said it scared "other dinosaurs that came to the water's edge to drink". Another researcher said it was so big it ate almost everything.

Sources: <https://edition.cnn.com/2020/08/11/us/deinosuchus-crocodile-scn-trnd/index.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. the size | a. ago |
| 2. lived | b. crocodiles |
| 3. 75 million years | c. of a bus |
| 4. Researchers studied old | d. other dinosaurs |
| 5. east and west | e. bones |
| 6. Some of the giant | f. long |
| 7. ten metres | g. on Earth |
| 8. They hunted and ate | h. coasts |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. The giant crocodiles | a. big |
| 2. today's | b. was |
| 3. He said the bones showed there | c. everything |
| 4. a strange, giant | d. bananas |
| 5. teeth the size of | e. crocodiles |
| 6. dinosaurs that came to the water's | f. hunter |
| 7. Another researcher said it was so | g. edge |
| 8. it ate almost | h. changed |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Giant "terror crocodiles" (1) _____ a bus lived on Earth 75 million years ago. Researchers (2) _____ found in America. (3) _____ crocodiles lived along the (4) _____ coasts of North America. Some of the giant crocodiles (5) _____ long. They hunted and (6) _____.

The giant crocodiles (7) _____ us today's crocodiles. A researcher (8) _____. He said the bones showed there (9) _____, giant hunter "with teeth the (10) _____". He said it scared "other dinosaurs that came to (11) _____ to drink". Another researcher said it was so (12) _____ almost everything.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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CROCODILES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200813-giant-crocodiles-4.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.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

WRITING

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Write about **crocodiles** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
