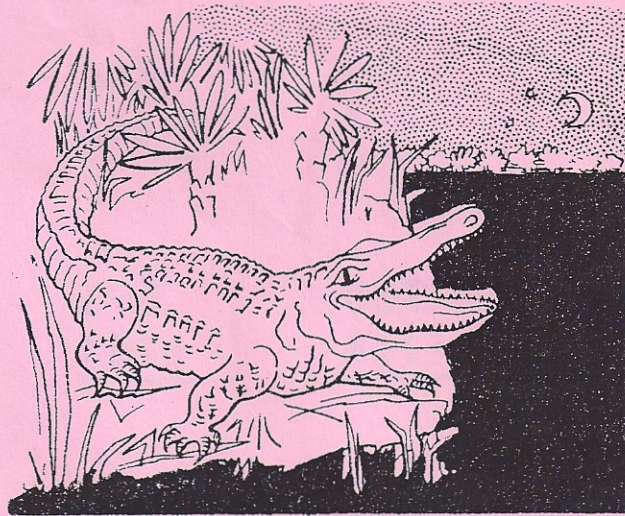


# Do alligators have a voice?

Name \_\_\_\_\_



1 Alligators belong to the same animal family as snakes and turtles. Snakes and turtles are quiet animals. But an alligator is different. It makes its first sound even before it gets out of its egg. These noises tell the mother that it is time to uncover her nest.

2 Young alligators sometimes squeak. Grown alligators make several different sounds. Alligators hiss when they are angry or afraid. A hiss in alligator country may mean that an angry alligator is coming at you. It may also mean that a frightened alligator is slipping into the water to get away.

3 The most common alligator sound is a roar. Alligators often roar, or bellow, on spring evenings. They are looking for a mate. The bellowing of the alligator is one of the great animal sounds of the world.

4 Alligators can also be quiet. They float silently in the water, with only their eyes and noses showing. Alligators are often silent in summer and winter. If the weather gets too hot or too cold, they fall into a deep sleep. The voice of the alligator is not always heard.

Mark the circle (○) beside the right answer.

1. An alligator roars most often in the \_\_\_\_\_.  
 spring                       egg                       winter                       summer
2. Which word in paragraph 3 means usual?  
 common                       roar                       evenings                       great
3. The story does not tell about the alligator's \_\_\_\_\_.  
 eggs                       sleep                       tail                       sounds
4. Which paragraph tells when alligators are quiet?  
 1                       2                       3                       4
5. WHISPER is to YELL as squeak is to \_\_\_\_\_. Think how the first two words go together. Then mark the word that goes with squeak in the same way.  
 alligator                       roar                       young                       peep
6. Alligators belong to the same family as snakes and turtles.                       True                       False  
 Turtles roar when they are looking for a mate.                       True                       False  
 Alligators hatch from eggs.                       True                       False
7. Which word does not belong?  
 squeak                       float                       roar                       hiss