

Explain how you can tell the difference between an alligator and a crocodile. Use at least two details and examples from the text to support your answer.



Topic Sentence	There are two ways to tell the difference between an alligator and a crocodile; by their size and skin.
Detail Sentence #1	First, size can tell an alligator from a crocodile because a crocodile is larger than an alligator.
Support	In the text it states, "Crocodiles can be as much as 20 feet long, but most alligators are about 12 feet long or smaller."
Detail Sentence #2	Second, the skin is another way to tell an alligator and crocodile apart.
Support	In the text it also states, "Crocodiles have hard, tough skin. An alligator's skin is just as hard but somewhat smoother."

Interact
with the
text

Step 1: Interact with the text (underline key words, number the parts needing attention in the question, number paragraphs as you read the text, underline the answers in the text while you read)

Topic
Sentence

Step 2: Restate the question and answer
all parts.



Detail
Sentence #1

Step 3: Write a sentence that explains the
first part of your answer.

Supporting
Sentence 1

Step 4: Find the best sentence in the story
that supports your answer and copy it
WORD FOR WORD

Detail
Sentence #2

Step 5: Write a sentence that explains the
second part of your answer.

Supporting
Sentence #2

Step 6: Find the best sentence in the story
that supports your answer and copy it word for word.