

Reptiles Question Sheet

The answers to the following questions can all be found by visiting:
www.activewild.com/reptiles/

(For each question, either underline or circle the correct answer.)

1. What type of animal is a reptile?

Diapsid / Synapsid

2. During which era did dinosaurs walk the Earth?

Jurassic / Cretaceous / Mesozoic

3. Which event was responsible for the extinction of the (non-avian) dinosaurs?

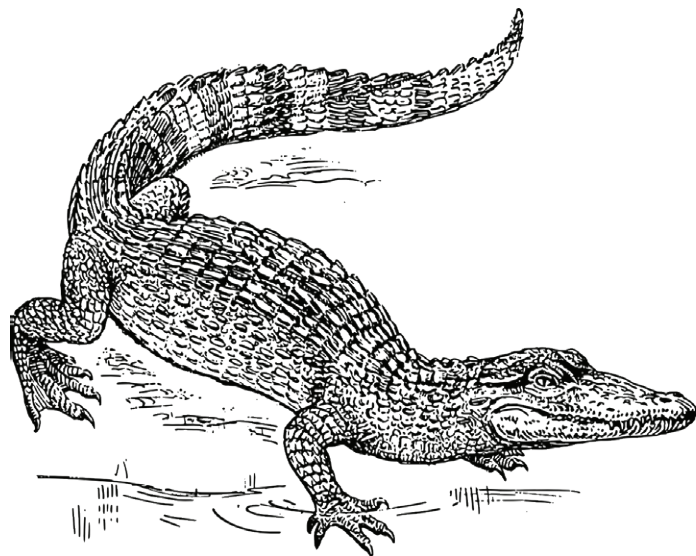
Permian–Triassic extinction event

Triassic–Jurassic extinction event

Cretaceous–Paleogene extinction event

4. What animal group do scientists now believe to be the descendants of dinosaurs?

Sea Turtles / Birds / Lizards



5. What was the main adaptation that allowed early reptiles to live in more habitats than amphibians?

They had four legs

They had wings

Their eggs could be laid on land

6. Which of the following isn't a characteristic of all reptiles?

Scaly skin

Breathe air with two lungs

Vertebrate

7. What might a reptile do to cool down?

Bask in the sun / Sweat / Find shade

8. What is a suitable description of the diet of most (but not all) reptiles?

Carnivorous / Herbivorous

9. True or false: All reptiles lay eggs.

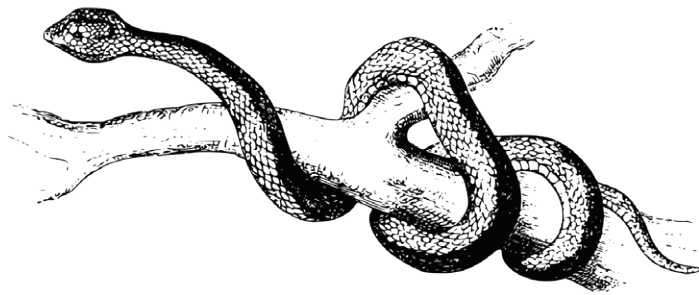
True / False

10. Which of the following animals is most closely related to a crocodile?

Golden eagle

Golden tree snake

Golden gecko



11. What is the world's largest living reptile?

Komodo dragon

Leatherback sea turtle

Saltwater crocodile

12. Where is the gharial found?

Amazon Rainforest

India & Nepal

Northern Australia

13. How many species are in the reptile order Rhynchocephalia?

1 / 25 / 9,863

14. In which country is the tuatara found?

New Zealand / Indonesia / Australia

15. Which of the following animals isn't a member of Squamata?

Western diamondback rattlesnake

Western banded gecko

Western pond turtle

16. Which reptilian order contains the most species?

Testudines / Crocodylia / Squamata

17. What is the world's largest lizard?

Saltwater crocodile

Komodo dragon

New Caledonian giant gecko

18. Which type of animal has more teeth?

Turtle / Crocodile

19. What is the top section of a turtle's shell called?

Carapace / Plastron

20. What is the largest species in Testudines?

Leatherback sea turtle

Galápagos tortoise

Komodo dragon

