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## Crocodile Behavior: Night Hunters of the Wild



Crocodiles are fascinating reptiles with unique daily habits and behaviors. They are mostly nocturnal, which means they are most active at night. During the day, crocodiles often rest on riverbanks or float near the surface of the water, soaking up the sun to stay warm.

Crocodiles are solitary creatures and usually live alone. However, during the breeding season, they may gather in groups. They can also be seen together when basking in the sun or when food is plentiful. Even when together, crocodiles do not rely on each other for hunting or protection.

Crocodiles are skilled hunters. They wait silently in the water, with only their eyes and nostrils showing above the surface. When prey comes close, they lunge forward with incredible speed and use their powerful jaws to catch it. Crocodiles eat a variety of animals, including fish, birds, and mammals.

Crocodiles communicate with each other using sounds and body movements. Baby crocodiles often make squeaking noises to call for their mothers. Adults may hiss or growl to warn others to stay away from their territory.

These reptiles have a unique way of staying warm and cool. They often lie with their mouths open to release heat, a behavior called "gaping." When they need to stay warm, they bask in the sun for hours.