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## Crocodile Reproduction: Guardians of the Nest

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. The mother protects the nest to keep predators away and ensure the eggs hatch safely.
2. The nest materials help insulate the eggs and keep them hidden from predators.
3. Baby crocodiles face dangers from predators like birds, snakes, and larger crocodiles.
4. (Example) As a baby crocodile, I would feel safe inside my egg. When I start making noises, my mother uncovers me and carries me gently to the water where I feel protected.

