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The Life Cycle of a Crocodile

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. It is important for a mother crocodile to protect her eggs because predators could eat them before they hatch.
2. Crocodiles have strong jaws, sharp teeth, and a powerful tail that help them hunt and stay safe.
3. The life cycle stages prepare crocodiles to become top predators by helping them learn to hunt and defend themselves.
4. (Example) As a baby crocodile, I hatch from my egg and stay close to my mother. I learn to catch small insects and fish. As I grow into a juvenile, I hunt larger prey. Finally, as an adult, I become a powerful hunter, keeping my habitat balanced.

