

Reading Skills

Grade 3

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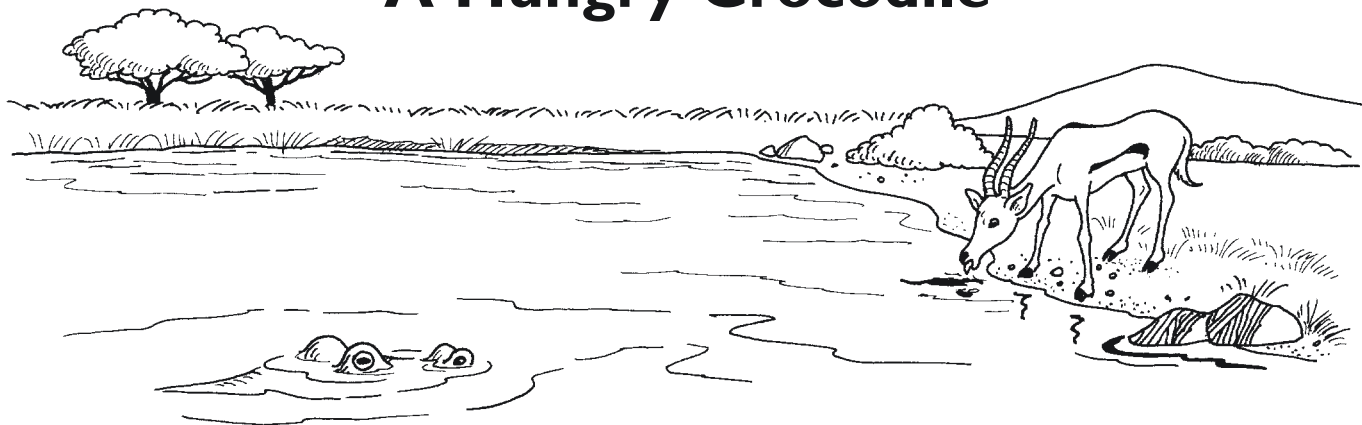
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A Hungry Crocodile



A crocodile was searching for food. Its eyes were above water. Its body was hidden below the surface. The crocodile spied an antelope on the shore. The crocodile swam underwater to get close. Then it quickly leaped onto shore. It grabbed the antelope in its big jaws. It pulled the animal into the water and drowned it. Then the crocodile ate its prey.

Read these sentences. Write them in the correct order.

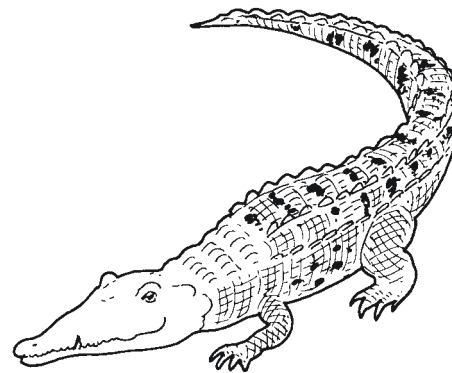
The crocodile leaped out of the water.

It drowned the animal and then ate it.

It swam underwater to the shore.

The crocodile saw an antelope.

It grabbed the antelope in its jaws.




1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____


Mind Mover! Write what you think the crocodile will do next.

Not Really!

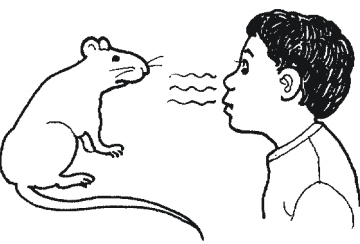
An **idiom** is an **expression**. It usually means something other than what the exact words say. Read these idioms. Draw lines to connect each to the box in the center that tells its real meaning.



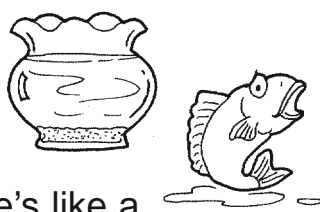
She shed crocodile tears.



She let the cat out of the bag.



He smells a rat.



He's like a fish out of water.

It is pouring.

She gave away the secret.

He thinks too highly of himself.


She faked sorrow or tears.

He feels awkward in a strange place.


She slept soundly.

He suspects something is wrong.

She did something to annoy him.



He's too big for his britches.



It's raining cats and dogs.



She got his goat.



She slept like a log.

You Try It! Illustrate one of these idioms or another one you know: *I feel blue. She paid through the nose. He spilled the beans.* Write the idiom's real meaning.