

“Alligators”

Reading Comprehension – Short Stories

Directions: Read the story. Then answer the questions below.

An alligator is a very big reptile.

Alligators can grow to more than 15 feet long.

An alligator has a long tail, **stubby** legs, very strong jaws and **sharp** teeth.

It eats fish, mammals and birds.

Alligators live in rivers and swamps where the weather is very warm.

There are lots of alligators in Florida.



Questions:

1) What kind of animal is an alligator?

- A. an amphibian
- B. a mammal
- C. a reptile

2) What does an alligator look like?

▼ Check all that are correct.

- A. It has long legs.
- B. It has a short tail.
- C. It has sharp teeth.

3) What do alligators eat?

▼ Check all that are correct.

- A. birds
- B. cats
- C. fish

4) What does **stubby** mean?

- A. big and juicy
- B. long and lean
- C. short and thick

5) Which is the best antonym for **sharp**?

- A. dull
- B. gray
- C. soft

6) What can the reader tell about Florida from this passage?

- A. It is far away.
- B. It is a very big place.
- C. It has rivers and swamps.