

SAFE TUTOR

AUSTRALIAN ANIMAL DISCOVERY



Freshwater Crocodile

My 10-page learning book

For curious learners aged 5 to 9

What am I?



I am an Australian crocodile with a long, narrow snout.

Spell my name

FRESHWATER CROCODILE
C R O C O D I L E

Clap the syllables

fresh - wa - ter croc - o - dile

Say it slowly. Clap once for each part.

Now say the whole name smoothly.

Write the name three times:

What do I look like?



I have armoured scales, a powerful tail and many sharp teeth for holding slippery prey.

Look closely. Point to one feature that helps you recognise me.

What do I do?



I warm myself in the sun and slip into water to swim and hunt.

Movement challenge: Can you move safely like me for five seconds?

What do I eat?



I eat fish, insects, frogs and crustaceans.

Think: Am I a herbivore, carnivore or omnivore? Use my food clues to explain.

Where do I live?



I live in freshwater rivers, pools and gorges across northern Australia.

Draw my habitat here: trees, water, grass, rocks or another safe home.

How do I grow up?



The female lays eggs in a sandy nest. The young call as they are ready to hatch.

Tell a partner: What does the parent or habitat provide for the young?

Amazing fact!



I am smaller and more slender-snouted than the saltwater crocodile. Wild crocodiles must always be given space.

Share the fact in your own words. Start with: "Did you know...?"

Show what you know

1. Spell Freshwater Crocodile.

2. Where does this animal live?

3. What does it eat?

4. Name one special body feature.

5. Tell one amazing fact.

Great work, wildlife explorer!