

Animals

Task 1 - A. Listen to the lecture and take notes on a separate piece of paper. Then choose the correct answer.

1. Crocodilia first appeared _____ years ago.
A 80 million B 84 million
C 87 million D 90 million
2. According to the speaker, _____.
A. crocodilia and birds are close relatives
B. people and all animal species that are related to each other
C. birds are surviving members of crocodilia
D. crocodiles are an endangered species
3. Crocodiles are also _____, like fish.
A crocodilia B archosaurs
C aquatic D predators
4. Crocodilia are all _____ because they hunt and kill other animals.
A. aquatic B. predators
C. oviparous D. species

Task 2 - B. Listen to the lecture and take notes on a separate piece of paper. Then choose the correct answer.

1. People who study birds are called _____.
A. aeries B. rare
C. reproduction D. ornithologists
2. Wingspan means _____.
A. the total area of both wings
B. the distance from tip to tip of a bird's wings when outstretched
C. the distance from the top to the bottom of a wing
D. the width of a wing
3. Adorn means _____.
A. to produce young B. to be very rare

C. to build a nest

D. to decorate

ANSWER KEY

Task 1.

1 B 2 A 3 C 4 B

Exercise 2.

1 D 2 B 3 D

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Task 1 - A

Crocodiles and alligators are both examples of reptiles—cold-blooded animals covered in scales and can breathe air using their lungs, just like mammals. They both belong to the group of large reptiles known as crocodilia which appeared 84 million years ago. You might not believe it, but crocodilia are the closest living relatives, or family members, of birds! This is because birds and crocodilia are the only surviving members of the archosaurs, a group of dinosaurs. There are 23 species of crocodilia and all of them are oviparous, which is the scientific term for animals that lay eggs. All 23 species are aquatic, meaning they live in water, and all are dangerous predators, hunting and killing their prey with great speed and skill. But even predators that have been around for millions of years can be in danger of extinction these days. Several species of crocodilia are on the list of endangered animals.

Task 2 - B

Ornithologists, or people who study birds, are very concerned about the fate of the Philippine Eagle. This beautiful bird is one of the largest, most powerful and rarest, or least common, eagles in the world. It is the national bird of the Philippines but sadly, it is an endangered species. The Philippine Eagle is a very attractive bird, its head adorned or decorated with long brown feathers that give it the appearance of a lion’s mane. The male birds are slightly smaller than the females, which have a wingspan – the distance from wingtip to wingtip – of around 2 meters! Like most eagles, the Philippine Eagle is monogamous, meaning that a couple of birds will mate for life. Philippine eagles’ nests, or aeries, as eagles’ nests are known, are built in rainforest trees about 30 meters above the ground and only one egg is laid every two years. This slow rate of reproduction – producing young – is one of the reasons they are endangered.