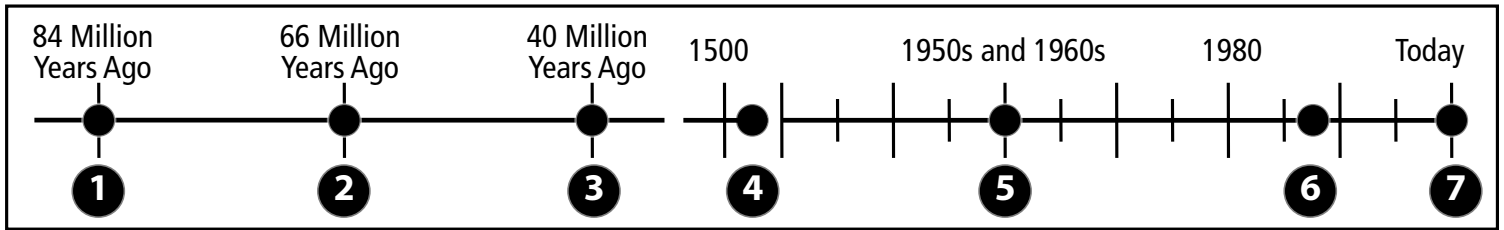


Complete the statements by drawing a line to the correct number.

1.	Female alligators lay up to this many eggs at a time.	93
2.	An adult American alligator weighs about this many pounds.	2
3.	The average adult female alligator grows to about this many feet long.	50
4.	Today, only this many species of crocodylians still exist.	90
5.	Alligators have this many different sets of eyelids.	8.2
6.	If the temperature of an alligator nest is this many degrees Fahrenheit or higher, the eggs will become male alligators.	800
7.	Alligators can live up to this many years in nature.	23



Number the events below in the order they should appear on the timeline. Write the number in the box beside each event. Check your answers with page 9 of the book.



Alligators crossed the Bering Sea land bridge from Asia into North America.

Ancestors of American alligators survive the extinction of the dinosaurs.

Alligators are hunted almost to the point of extinction.

American alligators are still being protected. They are listed as a threatened species.

The alligator population increases. They are taken off the endangered species list.

The first recorded English use of the term *el lagarto* appears. The name comes from a Spanish word meaning "lizard."

Ancient relatives of the alligator called archosaurs first appear on Earth.



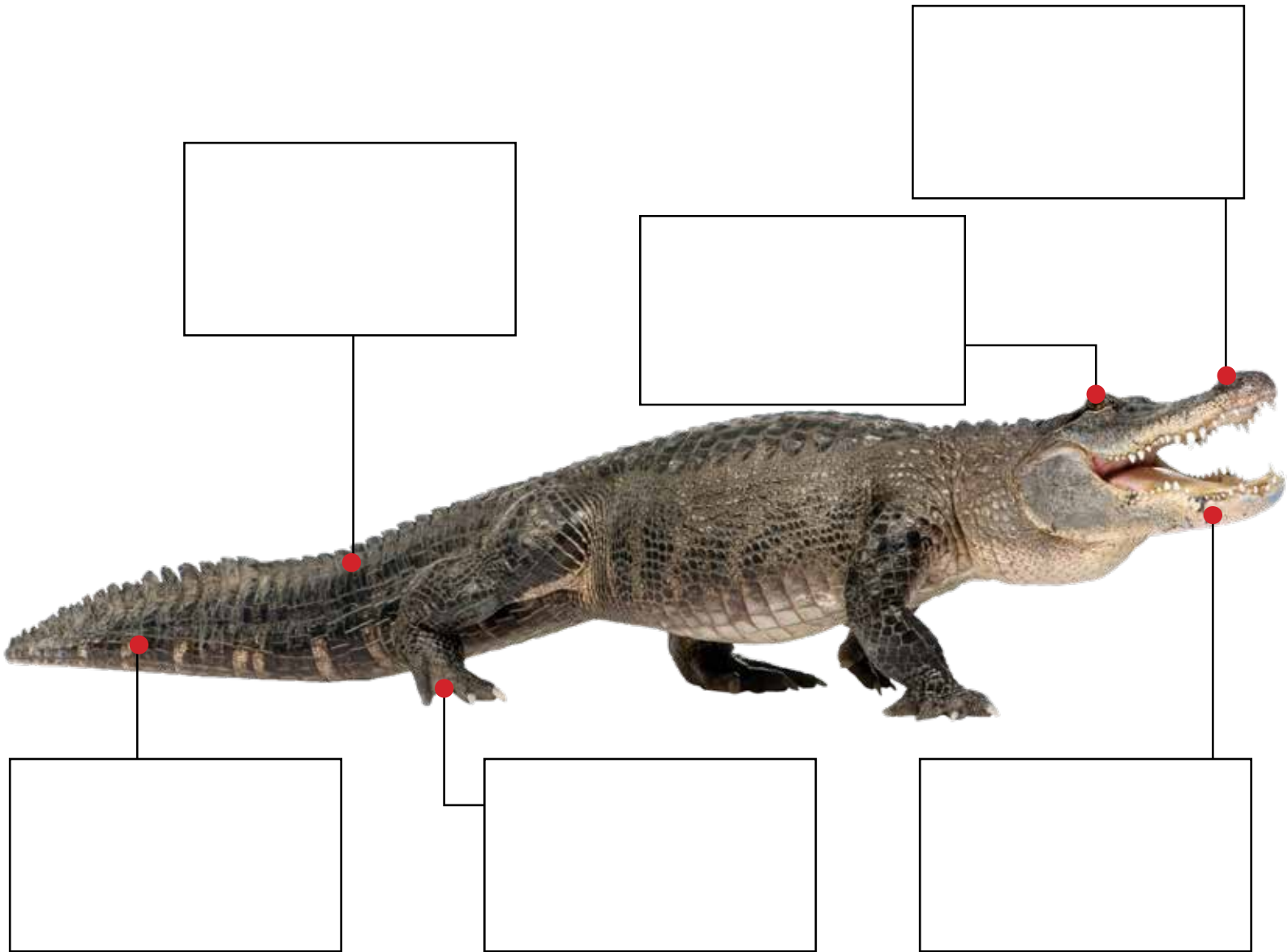
# Alligator Features

Follow the instructions to complete the activity.

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Using the space provided, label each part of the alligator. Then, write a short sentence or two describing each part. Check your answers on pages 12 and 13 of the book.



Using the diagram below, fill in the missing information for each stage of the alligator's life cycle. Check your answers on pages 16 and 17 of the book.



**Nesting**



**Hatchlings**



**Juveniles**



**Adults**



Using the information found in *Alligators*, verify whether the following statements are true or false. Check your answers in the book. If the answer is false, write the correct answer below the statement. List the page number where you found the information beside your answer.

Statement 1   True  False Page Number

Statement 2   True  False Page Number

Statement 3   True  False Page Number

Statement 4   True  False Page Number

Statement 5   True  False Page Number



## Alligator Quiz

Test your knowledge of alligators by answering these quiz questions. Check your answers in the activity pack.

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1

What type of animal is an alligator?

2

Where are alligators found in the United States?

3

How are alligators different from crocodiles?

4

Where do alligators lay their eggs?

5

What is a safe distance to stand from an alligator?

6

What determines an alligator's gender?

7

When did the earliest alligators appear?

8

What kind of water do alligators live in?

9

What helps alligators move through the water?

10

How many teeth can an alligator go through in a lifetime?



## Key Words Match-Up

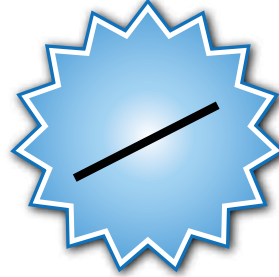
Write the words from the list below in the box above the correct definition for each word. Check your answers on page 23 of the book.

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ancestors	endangered	prey
armor	hatchlings	vertebrae
carnivores	incubate	
communicate	nocturnal	

Your Score is



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- newly hatched animals
- an animal hunted for food
- a hard covering
- most active at night
- animals that have a diet of mostly meat

- under threat of completely disappearing from Earth
- animals from the past that are related to modern animals
- to exchange information
- small bones in the spine
- to keep eggs warm



1. Reptile
2. Florida, Alabama, Oklahoma, North and South Carolina, Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi
3. Alligators have differently shaped heads and usually live only in fresh water
4. In nests of mud and plants
5. 35 feet (11 m)
6. Temperature
7. 84 million years ago
8. Fresh water
9. Their strong tails
10. Up to 3,000

