

Text Structure: Compare and Contrast in Nonfiction Texts



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1. Which physical trait is shared by BOTH alligators and crocodiles according to the passage?

Answer: B. Cold-blooded bodies with armored scales and webbed feet

The text states: 'Both reptiles are cold-blooded carnivores with armored scales, powerful swimming tails, and webbed feet.'

2. How can a scientist tell an alligator from a crocodile by looking at the shape of its snout?

Answer: A. Alligators have wide, rounded U-shaped snouts, while crocodiles have pointed V-shaped snouts.

The text explicitly compares their jaws: 'Alligators have wide, rounded U-shaped snouts... In contrast, crocodiles feature narrower, pointed V-shaped snouts.'

3. Which signal phrase in the passage indicates that a contrasting difference is being introduced?

Answer: B. 'In contrast'

'In contrast' is a key transitional signal phrase used to highlight differences between two subjects.