

Cooperative Crocs

Whether you're playing a game or helping with chores, you cooperate with your family every day. But did you know that crocodiles start working together even before they're hatched?

A mother Nile crocodile digs a hole and buries her eggs, then guards them. When they're ready, from inside the eggs, the babies all call out to Mom and each other that it's time to hatch. The chorus is loud enough for even humans to hear.

After they hatch, Mom carries them to the water—in her mouth! The baby crocs help each other survive, too. If one sounds a special cry to warn others of danger, all repeat it to alert Mom, who protects them.

Using teamwork, you and your family can watch out for one another—and have fun together. Sometimes you might get frustrated with each other, but with kindness and clear communication, your brothers, sisters, and cousins can be some of your best friends.

MATCH THE CROCODILE EGGS TO FORM NINE WORDS THAT CAN HELP FAMILIES GET ALONG.

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____
- 7 _____
- 8 _____
- 9 _____

CROCODILES CAN HOLD THEIR BREATH UNDERWATER FOR OVER AN HOUR!

