

The Enormous Crocodile is hungry, and children are his favourite food! Can he find a child for his lunch? Or can the Hippopotamus, the Elephant, the Monkey and the Bird stop him?

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ABOUT ROALD DAHL AND QUENTIN BLAKE



Roald Dahl was a children's writer, and many of his stories are very famous across the world. Do you know any Roald Dahl books?



Quentin Blake drew pictures for Roald Dahl's stories. Do you like the pictures in this book? Which is your favourite picture?

About this story

Crocodiles live in hot places. You can find them in Africa, Australia, Asia, and North and South America. You can see them in some zoos, too! They are good swimmers, and they can run quickly.

Crocodiles only eat meat. They do not eat vegetables. Crocodiles are usually about 300 to 400 centimetres. A very big crocodile is about 800 centimetres!

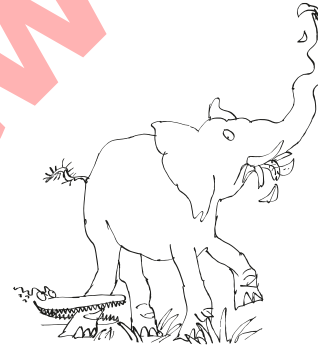
MEET ...



**The Enormous
Crocodile**



**Humpy-Rumpy
the Hippopotamus**



Trunky the Elephant

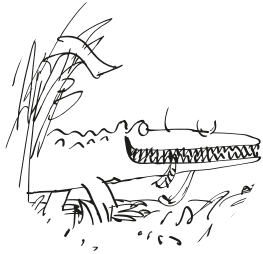


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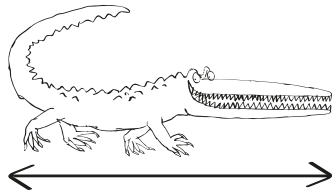


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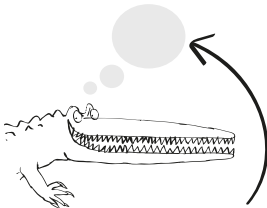
Chapter 1
NEW WORDS



a crocodile (n.)



enormous (adj.)



an idea (n.)



a jungle (n.)

Chapter 1
WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Answer the questions.

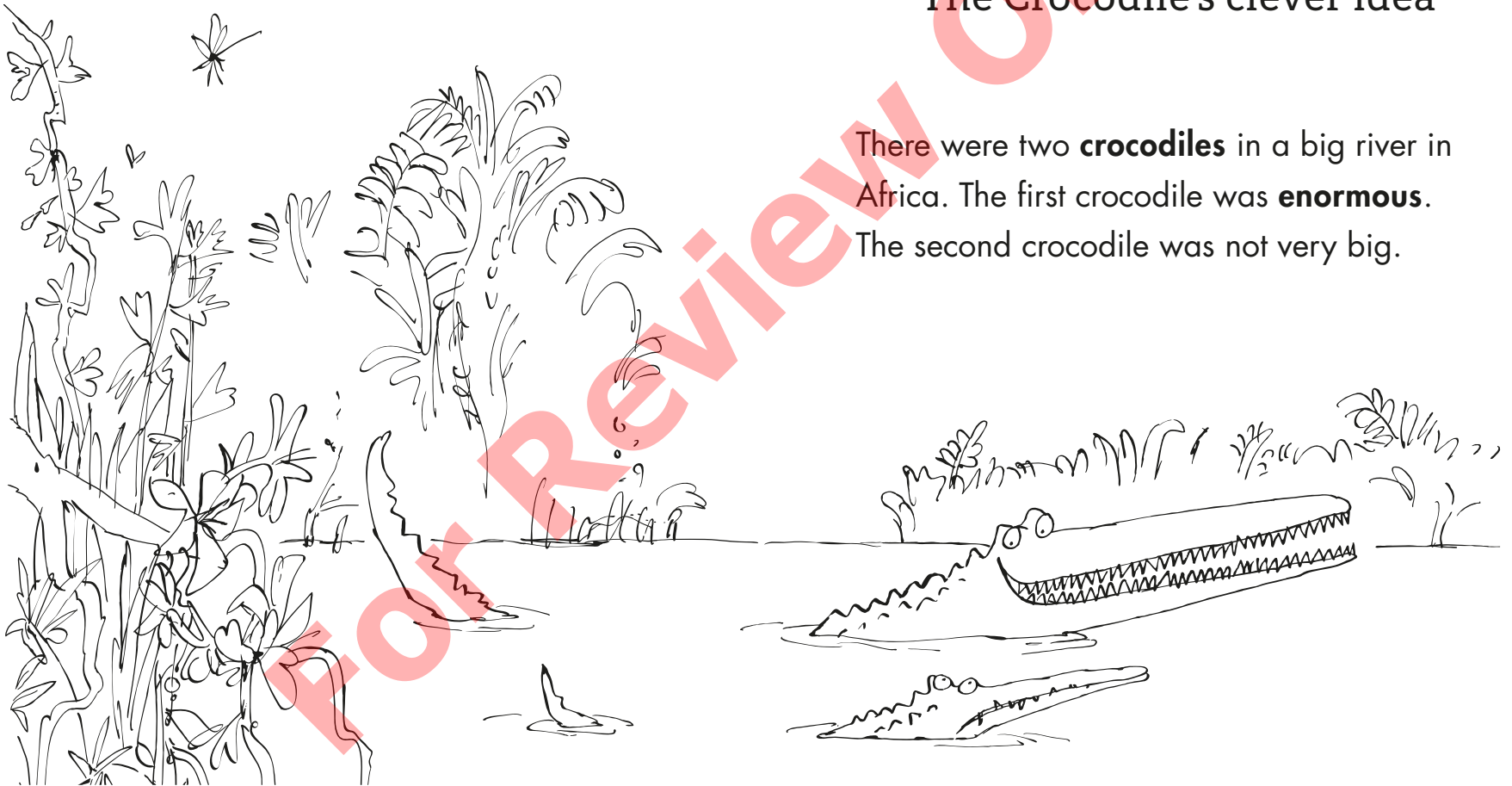
- 1 Look at the picture on page 13.
Where are the crocodiles?
How are they different?
- 2 Look at the picture on page 14.
Is the Enormous Crocodile good or bad?
- 3 Look at the picture on page 17.
Is Humpy-Rumpy happy or sad?

Now let's read Chapter 1!

CHAPTER 1

The Crocodile's clever idea

There were two **crocodiles** in a big river in Africa. The first crocodile was **enormous**. The second crocodile was not very big.

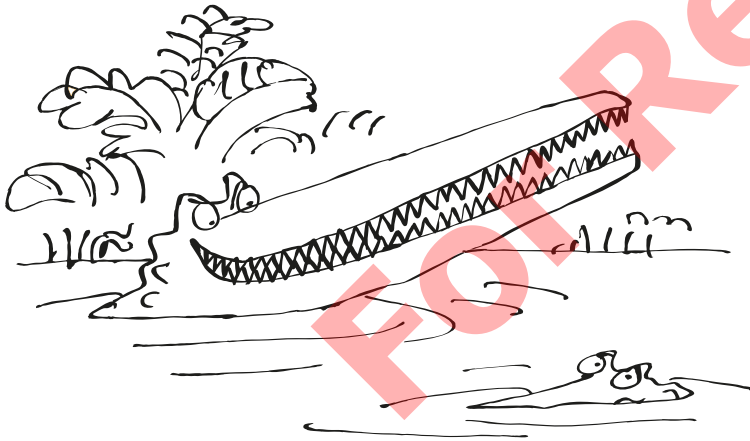


Their heads were above the water, and they talked about their lunch.

The Enormous Crocodile smiled. "I would like a little child for my lunch today."

"I never eat children," the Little Crocodile said. "I only eat fish."

"Why do you never eat children?" asked the Enormous Crocodile. "They're very sweet."

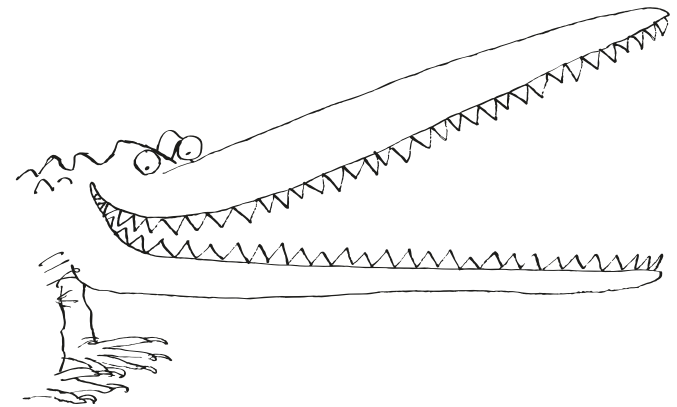


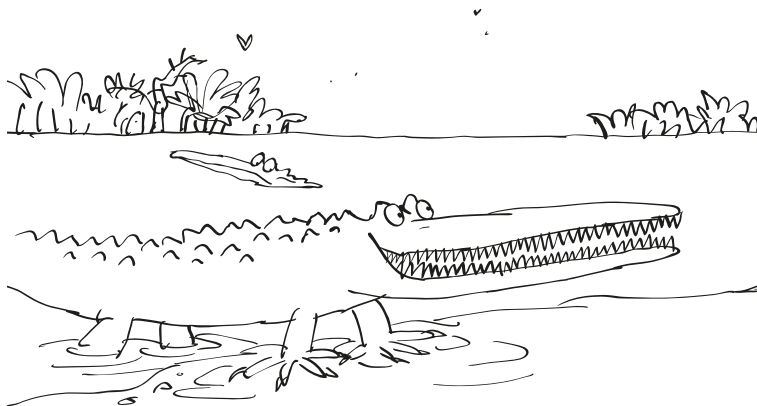
"No, they aren't sweet," said the Little Crocodile. "You have to put sugar on them."

"You're wrong!" said the Enormous Crocodile. "Children are my favourite food."

"But how can you get a child?" asked the Little Crocodile. "You're enormous and bad. People always run from you."

The Enormous Crocodile smiled again. "I have a clever **idea**," he said.





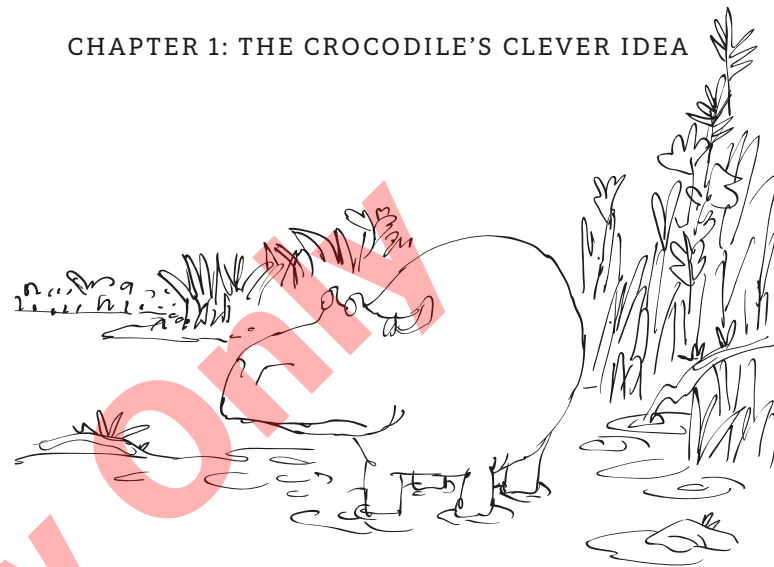
"You never have clever ideas!" said the Little Crocodile. "Your ideas are always silly!"

"No, they're not. I'm a very clever crocodile," the Enormous Crocodile answered. "And I would like a little child now. You can stay here in this river, and you can be hungry. Goodbye!"

There was a big animal near the river. It was Humpy-Rumpy, the Hippopotamus.

"Hello," said Humpy-Rumpy. "Where are you going?"

"I want a nice big lunch," said the Crocodile.



"And I have a clever idea."

"What do you want for your lunch?" asked Humpy-Rumpy.

"What do you think?" said the Crocodile.

"It goes to school."

"Is it a child? No, Crocodile!" said Humpy-Rumpy. "You can't eat a child!"

"Of course I can," said the Crocodile.

"You're a very bad crocodile!" said Humpy-Rumpy.

The Enormous Crocodile smiled, and then he walked to the **jungle**.

Chapter 1

WHAT CAN YOU REMEMBER?

Find the words.

~~crocodile~~

idea

enormous

jungle



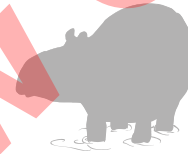
What animals are these?
Write the correct words.

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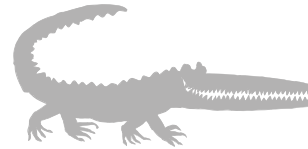


a bird

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