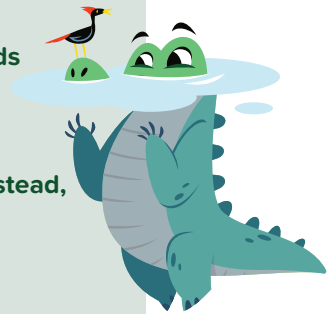


# all about **ALLIGATORS!**



## **FUN FACTS**

- 🌿 The alligator's ancestors lived at the same time as dinosaurs, but they are more closely related to birds
- 🌿 A group of alligators is called a congregation
- 🌿 Alligators do not hibernate during cold months. Instead, they remain awake, but become inactive until the weather warms up.
- 🌿 Feeding alligators is dangerous and illegal



## **Alligator Size Classes**



**Clutch** - Females can lay 20-30 eggs at a time



**Hatchlings** - They're less than 1 foot in length with the eggs hatch



**Juveniles** - 2-6 feet in length have yellow striping



**Adults** - Over 6ft in length  
It takes 10+ years for an alligator to become an adult

# Word-Search

Find all the words!

CONGREGATION    TEETH  
REPTILE    BRUMATION  
WATER    SCUTES  
ALLIGATOR    BASK  
BELLOW    NEST

J Z S A B Y X Y K G F Z K S F  
Y L C A Y D U D N Z A V G L V  
I V J O N Z J W S S E P O B S  
Z S S N N A L L I G A T O R U  
X D C C Q G W A T E R D M T M  
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T B R U M A T I O N T T R D D  
H W R H D C Z N L V D I L M T  
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B E L L O W Q S O F Z E X N A  
X U S R F C S T D Y G M D J N  
S N V G B U L P N S P S M J Q

# Word-Scramble

Unscramble all of the words!

Alligators get energy from the sun by doing this \_\_\_\_\_ (kbas)

An alligator can lay between 20 and 60 of these at a time \_\_\_\_\_ (sgge)

Alligator mating call \_\_\_\_\_ (owlelb)

An alligator's state of dormancy during the winter \_\_\_\_\_ (iamuotnbr)

A group of eggs laid by an alligator \_\_\_\_\_ (ctchul)

A group of alligators is called \_\_\_\_\_ (raoitngocgne)

# What does an Alligator Biologist Do?

Manage and conserve alligator populations

Study how alligators impact and interact with the environment and other species

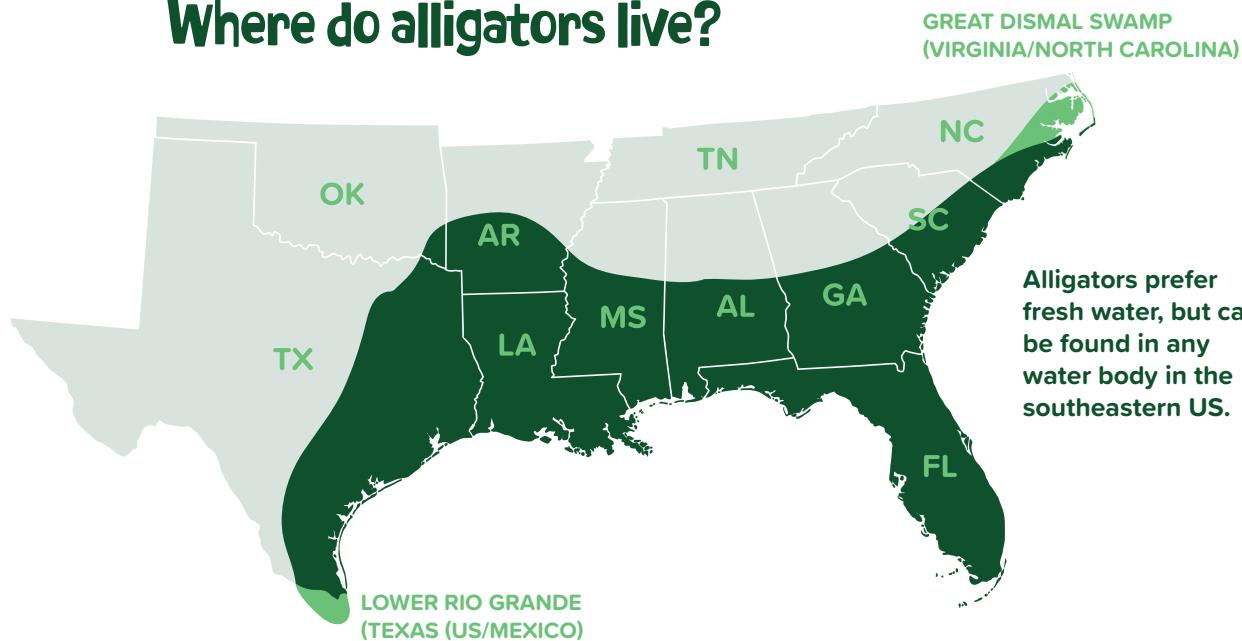
Collect and analyze data on alligators such as populations, movements, and health

Promote human-alligator coexistence



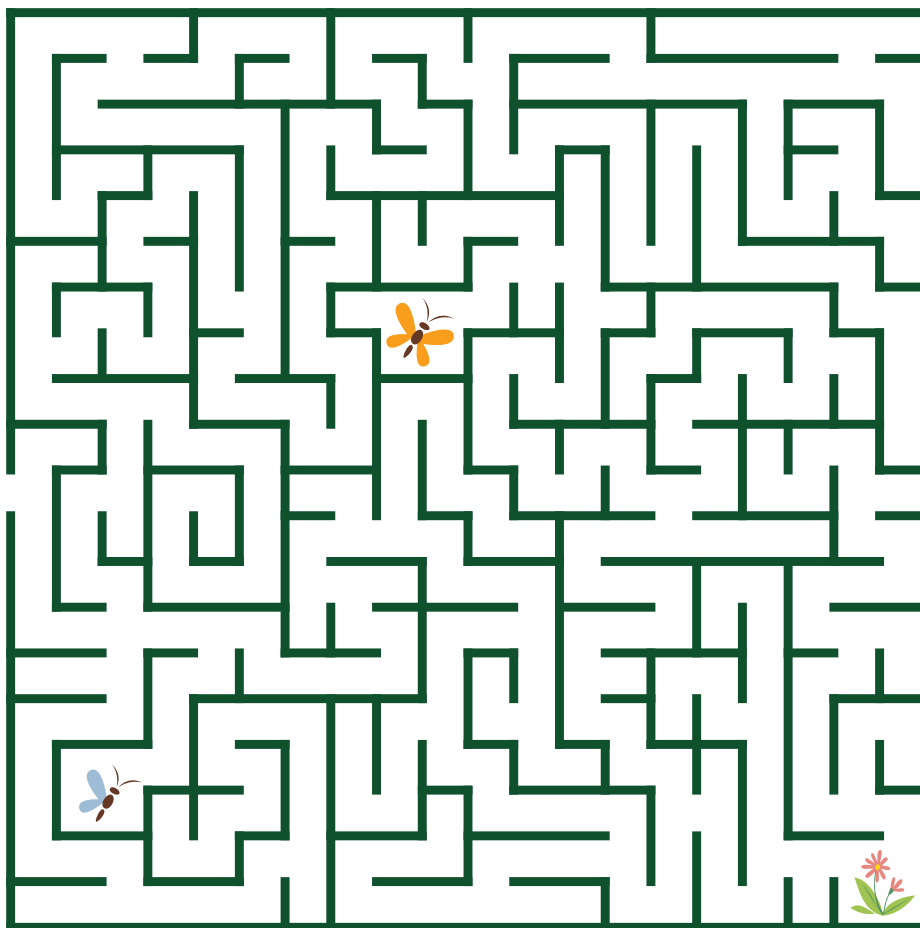
That's not a top hat! That's a tracker!  
The alligator pictured is wearing a tracker placed by alligator biologists to track his movements.

## Where do alligators live?



**Alligators prefer fresh water, but can be found in any water body in the southeastern US.**

## Solve the maze to help Mr.Gator get home!



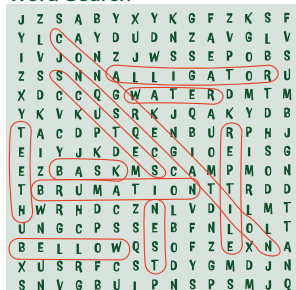
# HOME SWEET HOME!





## Answer Key

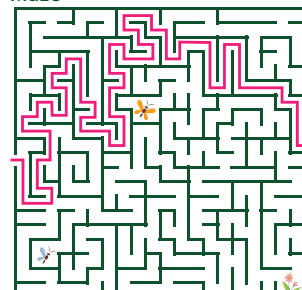
### Word Search



### Word Scramble

- 1 bask
- 2 eggs
- 3 bellow
- 4 brumation
- 5 clutch
- 6 congregation

### Maze



see you later  
**ALLIGATOR!**