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### MAZE 703

Sopris West Six Minute Solutions

Alligators have lived in the southeastern United States for many centuries. Scientists have studied fossil records of **(alligators)**. These records suggest that alligators have **(lived)** on earth for 150 million years! That **(Means)** they were alive when dinosaurs roamed **(the)** earth. Native Americans and pioneers occasionally **(hunted)** alligators for food. It wasn't until **(hundreds)** of years later that alligators were **(hunted)** for their skin. Fashion markets started **(using)** alligator skin for fine leather products. **(Beginning)** in the 1940's laws were passed **(to)** protect alligators. Today, alligators are a **(protected)** species.

Alligators look like large lizards. **(They)** have flat tails and long snouts. **(Their)** snouts have nostrils at the end. **(This)** allows alligators to breathe while most **(of)** their body is underwater. Alligators have **(four)** short legs and scaly skin. They **(can)** swim very fast by using their **(long)** , powerful tails to propel them through **(the)** water. Alligators range in size from **(eight)** to eleven feet long. The female **(alligator)** lays eggs in early spring. She **(lays)** about 30 eggs. The eggs are buried **(in)** a nest of twigs, sticks, and **(mud)**. The nests are built near the **(water)**. After she lays the eggs, the **(mother)** alligator leaves them alone. The eggs **(hatch)** by themselves, and the baby alligators **(must)** make their own way to the **(water)**. Many baby alligators are eaten by **(other)** alligators and creatures on their way **(to)** the water.



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