



Warm greetings students,

Today we are going to learn Unit 1 – Poem – The Crocodile

The Crocodile



How doth the little crocodile

Improve his shining tail

And pour the water of the Nile

On every golden scale!

How cheerful he seems to grin,

How neatly spreads his claws,

And welcomes little fishes in,

With gently smiling jaws!

- Lewis Carroll

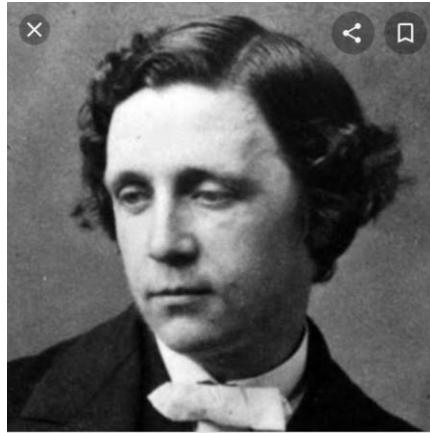
Warm up :

What do Crocodiles eat? Talk about it.

Crocodiles are carnivores, which mean they eat only meat. In the wild, they feast on fish, birds, frogs in the river. Crocodiles are good hunters. They hunt the animals those come to drink water in the river like deer.. At the zoo, they eat small animals that have already been killed for them, such as rats, fish or mice.



About the Author:



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Lewis Carroll was an English novelist and **poet**. He is best known as the author of the children's book *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* (1865) and its sequel *Through the Looking-Glass* (1871)—two of the most popular works of fiction in the English language.

Glossary:

doth - an expression of old English for 'does'

improve - to become better than before

cheerful - happy

gently - softly, mildly

Nile – is a river in Africa

Claws –nails of birds and mammals

Jaws – upper and lower part of the mouth

Summary of the Poem

The Crocodile by Lewis Carroll

How doth the little crocodile

Improve his shining tail,

And pour the waters of the Nile

On every golden scale!

In the first stanza, The crocodile is personified. He makes the choice to “Improve his shining tail” by waving it through the waters of the water of the Nile River. This increases its shine and brings out the “gold” on each scale.



Stanza Two

How cheerfully he seems to grin,
How neatly spreads his claws,
And welcomes little fishes in,
With gently smiling jaws!

In the second stanza, the Crocodile attracts the fellow creatures by grinning, spreading his claws, welcoming little fishes with gently smiling faces.

In fact, all these actions on the crocodile's part are designed to trick them and to trap them. When it opens its mouth, it gobbles up all the fishes that come towards it.

Book Exercise:

A) Read these lines and answer the questions given below:

1. "How cheerful he seems to Grin"

(i) Who does 'he' refer to ?

'He' refers to the crocodile

2. "And pour the water of the Nile".

(i) What is the Nile? In which country is it ?

Nile is a river. It is in Egypt.

3. "And welcomes little fishes in.

with gently smiling jaws"

(i) who welcomes the little fish? Why?

The crocodile welcomes the fish for its hungry.

(i) which line tells you that the crocodile is hungry?

The line " And will welcomes little fishes in, "tells us that crocodile is hungry.



B) Work in pairs share your answers with your partner .

1. what is the poem about?

The poem is about a crocodile in the river Nile .

2. How does the crocodile's tail look?

The crocodile tail is shiny.

3. What does 'improve is tail' mean?

"Improve is tail", means make its tail look better.

4. How does it spread is claws?

He spread his claws neatly.

5. Why does he welcome little fishes?

He welcomes little fishes because he is hungry.

6. Which line talks about the crocodile's mouth and hisshape?

The line, "With gently smiling jaws" talks about the crocodile's mouth and his shape.

C) Choose the rhyming words from the box and write them in the correct blanks.

(file , din , caws, nail , while, paws , mail, thin)

1. claws, jaws, _____ , _____

2. grin, in, _____ , _____

3. crocodile, Nile, _____ , _____

4. tail, scale, _____ , _____