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Alligators Eat and Grow

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### Review

Alligators start their life in a small egg, but they can grow to be twelve feet long and weigh 550 pounds! Mother alligators try to keep their babies safe from birds and raccoons. Baby alligators eat bugs, frogs, and small fish; adult alligators eat snakes, turtles, and birds. Alligators eat their food whole and can live to be fifty years old! Readers will learn all this and more in Alligators Eat and Grow.

Alligators Eat and Grow is a level two Magic Reader, meaning it has increased vocabulary and longer sentences, the perfect combination for beginning readers! These books align with the Common Core Standards for literacy. There is one simple sentence with an illustrated photo on every page. Readers will learn many new things about alligators, young and old, from this nonfiction book. It is a perfect book for teaching the principles of comparing and contrasting. While Alligators Eat and Grow is an informational text, it does not include a table of contents, a glossary, an index, and page headings.