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Castilla y León

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INGLÉS

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Option B

CROCODILE TEARS

1 To shed crocodile tears is to put on an insincere act of being sad.
The expression is very old in the English language, dating back to the
sixteenth century. An account of the life of Edmund Grindal, Archbishop
of Canterbury, quotes him as describing somebody's tears as "crocodile
5 tears". It stems from the ancient belief that crocodiles, in order to attract
their prey, would weep. The unsuspecting prey would come close, only to
be caught and rapidly devoured, again with a show of tears.

The crocodile's habit of weeping has been recorded in travel
narratives since 1400. But can a crocodile really weep? The experts say
10 yes; they have tear glands just like most other animals. And zoologists
have recorded alligators, close relatives of crocodiles, shedding tears while
they're eating. This may be significant; the shedding of tears surely
doesn't happen for emotional motives but because of the way crocodiles
and alligators eat. When eating their prey, they often blow out air, and
15 their tear glands empty at the same time.

In any case, the idea of their tears being false has frequently
been used in literature, cementing this idiom in the language and,
consequently, crocodiles' reputation as hypocrites.

QUESTIONS

[1] ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTION ACCORDING TO THE TEXT AND USING YOUR OWN WORDS (10 TO 20 WORDS) (2 POINTS).

Why do you think Edmund Grindal described somebody's tears as 'crocodile tears'?

[2] ARE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? INDICATE THE LINE(S) IN THE TEXT AND COPY THE FIRST 2 WORDS AND THE LAST TWO WORDS SUPPORTING YOUR CHOICE (1.5 POINTS AS A WHOLE: 0.5 EACH).

- 2.1. 'Crocodile tears' is not a recent idiom in English.
- 2.2. For centuries people have believed that crocodiles use tears as a trick for hunting.
- 2.3. Alligators have nothing to do at all with crocodiles.

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[3] CHOOSE *a, b* OR *c*. ONLY ONE CHOICE IS CORRECT ACCORDING TO THE TEXT (0.5 POINTS).

- a) Crocodiles can weep.
- b) Crocodiles get very emotional when eating.
- c) The crocodile's habit of weeping has been recorded in historic naval fiction.

[4] VOCABULARY (2 POINTS AS A WHOLE: 0.4EACH).

- Find one word in the text for each of the following meanings:

- a) experts in the scientific study of animals
- b) establishing something firmly; strengthening

- Find synonyms in the text for each of the words below:

- c) unhappy
- d) reasons
- e) therefore

[5] COMPLETE TASKS a AND b ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN (1 POINT AS A WHOLE: 0.5 EACH).

5.1. Complete: If a zebra comes near a crocodile-infested river...

5.2. Transform into reported speech: 'These men's tears are nothing but crocodiles tears.' Begin with: The Archbishop wrote that ...

[6] WRITE ABOUT THE FOLLOWING TOPIC USING BETWEEN 100-120 WORDS (3 POINTS).

Write about behaviour or behaviours you would describe as hypocritical.