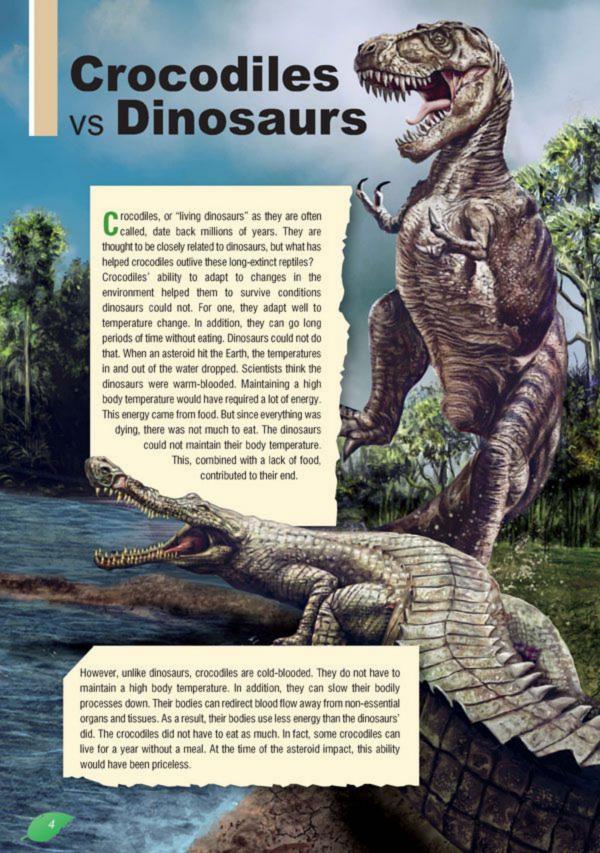
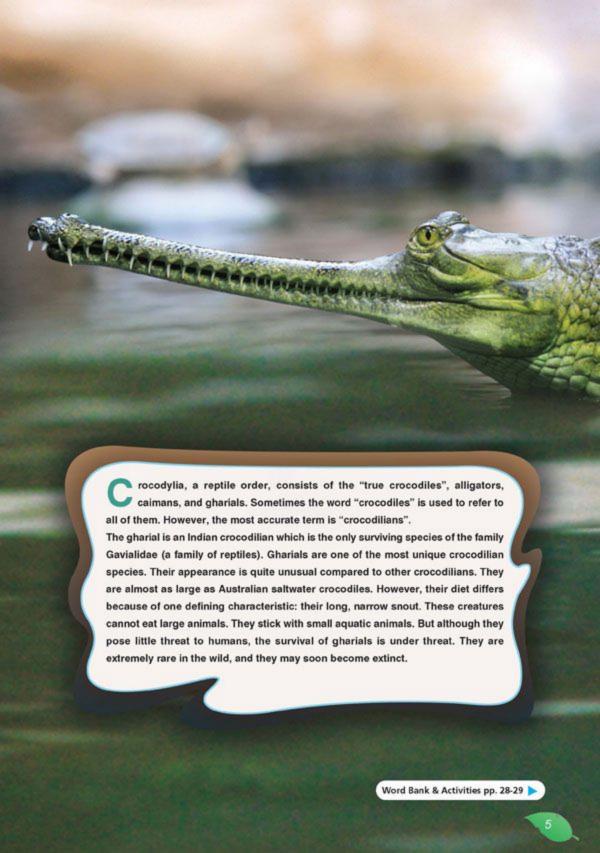


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## A Unique Feature

The gharial and the false gharial are unique among crocodilians. They both have long, narrow snouts, but that is where the similarities end. Aside from their snouts, these animals look and act quite differently. Yet, because of their snouts, they are often confused.

The gharial is the fastest and most agile of all the crocodilian species.

However, that is only in the water – they cannot move very quickly on land. They are unable to fully lift their bodies, so they drag their lower bodies along the ground, or "belly-slide".

The total gharial population has decreased by over 95% in the last sixty years.

Gharials are often called by the nicknames "fish-eating crocodile" and "long-nosed crocodile".