

# Teaching Resource – Croc and Bird

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## **CROC AND BIRD ALEXIS DEACON**

*Pic: two white eggs resting beside each other.*

**Side by side on the sand sat two eggs.**

*Pic: two eggs are sitting on the beach. They're surrounded by sand and the blue night sky – full of shining stars.*

**A bird... and a crocodile. "Hello brother," said Bird. "I'm hungry," said Crocodile.**

*Pic: a pink, hairless baby bird and a small green crocodile are surrounded by broken egg shells.*

**"Open your mouth as wide as you can and food will come" said Bird. So they waited ...and waited . . .**

*Pic: Bird and Croc are standing tall next to each other, reaching out to the sky with wide open mouths.*

**but food did not come. "Perhaps I should go and look for some" said Crocodile.**

*Pic: They are lying on their bellies on the sand. Their mouths are still wide open, jaws on the beach.*

**"I wonder what food looks like..."**

*Pic: Croc is staring at a black crab scuttling across the sand.*

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**“I don’t know what we like, so I’ve brought a selection,” he said when he came back.**

*Pic: Croc is carrying fruits, berries, leaves, shells and the black crab. Only his head, a leg and tail are visible.*

**“Could you chew it for me?” asked bird. When they had finished, they sat together on the sand,**

*Pic: Bird is lying down, snuggling into Croc’s belly who’s leaning on the left over food.*

**looking at the world. “I’m cold,” said Crocodile. “Me too,” said Bird. Then the sun rose.**

*Pic: Bird’s eyes are closed shut. He is pressing into Croc’s side while Croc’s look into the empty space.*

**“Look... it’s beautiful,” said Crocodile. “I think we should sing to it,” said Bird.**

*Pic: they are both standing upright on the beach near the water’s edge, watching the sun rise on the horizon.*

**“Singing makes me sleepy,” said Crocodile, and then he fell asleep.**

*Pic: Bird and Croc are singing. There are speech bubbles with musical notes coming from their mouths.*

**When Crocodile woke up, Bird was sitting on something. “Oooh,” said Crocodile. “What is it?”**

*Pic: Bird is sitting on a pile of twigs. Croc is staring up at him from the sand. The sun is rising high in the sky.*

**“It’s our home,” said Bird. Days went by. Crocodile and Bird grew big together.**

*Pic: Croc has marked lines down his back; Bird is blue and has feathers and a long tail.*

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**They practised flying, and they practised lying like logs in the water. They practised climbing,**

*Pic: Bird is flapping his wings in the air; Croc is waving his forelegs, standing on his hindlegs on the sand.*

**and they practised dancing. When the weather was fine, they basked on the hot rocks.**

*Pic: Bird is nodding his blue head; Croc is propping himself up with his tail and moving his green legs up and down.*

**...When it was bad they fluffed up to keep warm. “I’m glad you’re my brother,” said crocodile.**

*Pic: Bird’s pressing his wings to his side. Croc’s bloated: he’s holding his breath in and lying on his back.*

**Then one day when they were out hunting, the river carried them far away. . .**

*Pic: Croc is holding onto the roots of a tree. Bird is lying on his back by the edge of the river, wings spread out.*

**...to a lake full of crocodiles by a forest full of birds. They looked at them and they looked at each other.**

*Pic: there are pairs of blue birds in the trees by the river bank and crocodiles lying at the foot of those trees.*

**“Oh,” said Bird. “How silly we’ve been.” “We’re not brothers at all,” said Crocodile.**

*Pic: Croc and Bird are in the river looking at each other: the water is waist high.*

**“I suppose we have to say goodbye,” said Bird. “Goodbye.” said Crocodile.**

*Pic: Bird is perched on a branch in the tree. He is alone and staring into space.*

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**Crocodile swam off to be with the crocodiles. Bird flew off to be with the birds.**

*Pic: there are lots of green crocodiles stretching out on the river bank.*

**Next morning, Crocodile greeted the sun with a song. “Be quiet,” said the crocodiles.**

*Pic: all the crocs are laying together. Croc is in the distance. There is a speech bubble with a single song note.*

**At lunch, Bird caught a buffalo. “That’s disgusting,” said the birds.**

*Pic: Bird is pulling a buffalo’s tail. Two birds perched on a branch are looking down at the buffalo and Bird.*

**In the evening, Crocodile said, “I’ve built us a nest!” But no-one cared.**

*Pic: Croc is sitting on some trees piled up on top of each other.*

**When it got dark, Bird flew away by himself. “Come back,” called the other birds.**

*Pic: Bird is flying up, wings outstretched, soaring towards the moon and stars.*

**“We don’t fly at night.” Bird found Crocodile perched in a tree. “I couldn’t sleep,” said Bird.**

*Pic: Croc is perched on top of a tree trunk. He is watching the stars in the sky.*

**“Me neither,” said Crocodile. “I missed you,” said Bird. “Me too,” said Crocodile.**

*Pic: Bird is flying towards Croc who is in the distance. He is facing away from the approaching Bird.*

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**“Brother?” said Bird. “Yes?” said Crocodile. “Good night.”**

*Pic: Croc is sitting on a tree trunk. He is holding Bird. They are both asleep. Their eyes are closed shut.*

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