

Synonyms

alike	same
	
The flamingos are alike .	The flamingos are the same .

Alike and **same** are **synonyms**. They have the same meaning.

Try It Together

Talk about these pairs of words.
Are they synonyms? Why or why not?

object	thing
sick	happy
bad	paw
quickly	fast

Making Connections Learn more about what makes alligators **different**.

Genre A **science article** is nonfiction. This article gives information about alligators.



ALLIGATORS

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An Alligator Home

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The Everglades



How do alligators' **bodies** help them live in the Everglades? Let's find out.

Alligator Bodies

Alligators have short legs. They can hide in tall grass. They can also hide under the water. Sometimes, you can only see their eyes. Can you see the alligator?





Alligator Tails

Alligator **tails** can be more than 5 feet long. This is probably taller than you! Tails help alligators swim and move through the mud.



Tails help alligators leap up to catch food.
Alligators can leap 5 feet into the air! ❖

Compare Genres

How are “For Pete’s Sake” and “Alligators” different?

Animal Fantasy

Then one day some strangers
stopped by on their way to the swamp.
Flamingos who **looked** just like Pete.
Pete almost popped with joy.

Animals don’t really have feelings.



Science Article

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Sentences give information.



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Talk Together

Think about what you read and learned. How are
animals **different**?

Complete Sentences

A **sentence** tells a complete thought.

An alligator's tail

Not a sentence

An alligator's tail is long.

A sentence



Grammar Rules Complete Sentences

- Start with a **capital letter**.
- End with an **end mark**, like a period.

Complete Sentence

capital letter

Alligator tails can be 10 feet long.

period

Read a Sentence

Which group of words is a sentence?

How do you know?

1. leap up
2. Tails help alligators leap up to catch food.

Write a Sentence



Write a sentence about alligators. Read it to a partner.