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## Crocodiles

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排签院整 第二篇拼解讲述了crocodilen的生活习惯,它们如何控制自己的身体温度以及喜欢的生存环境等。延缓到了野鱼的特点、历史以及对两组处在不同水供给环境下的生存情况对此。

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## **Crocodiles**

Flooding of waterways and low-lying areas can temporarily increase the mobility and distribution of potentially dangerous wildlife—particularly snakes and crocodiles—and as such these animals may be present in areas they do not usually inhabit.

Crocodiles have reigned as key predators in wetland and marine environments for millions of years. Differing little from their prehistoric Australia is fortunate to be home to two species of crocodile, the freshwater crocodile (Crocodylus johnstoni), which is found nowhere else in the world, and the vulnerable estuarine crocodile (Crocodylus porosus). In spite of their common names, both species can live in fresh or salt water.

The freshwater crocodile lives in the inland waterways of northern Australia. In Queensland, they are 

#### 参考译文

#### 鳄鱼

河道和低洼地区涨水会暂时让危险的 野生动物——尤其是蛇和鳄鱼——的活动 頻率提高,活动范围扩大,于是这些动物 会出现在它们日常栖息地之外的地区。

上百万年以来, 鳄鱼一直都是湿地和 沿海地区的统治者, 是这些地区的主要食 肉动物。鳄鱼的史前祖先早在恐龙出现之 前就在陆地上罐武扬威了。鳄鱼与它们的 说,这两种鳄鱼是在淡水和咸水都能生存

鳄鱼用水、阳光和树蔚来将自己的体 温保持在 30 到 33 摄氏度,对它们来说这 是最适宜的体温。晒太阳的时候,它们会 娜动身体的位置以保证身体表面尽可能多 地丽到太阳。鳄鱼不会出汗,为了避暑, 它们会回水里呆着或者张着大嘴躺着

#### 核心词汇

crocodille [krokodati] n. 鳄鱼 reign [rem] vi. 統治 predator [predator]) n. 食肉动物 stalk [sto:k] vi. 酸毒方多皮 upheaval [sphivvi] n. 新史 aqualtic [a\*kwætk] adi. 水生的 estuarine [restjub ram] adi. 河口的, 江口的 bask [bo:sk] vi. 坐着成ᡨ着取暖 agape la\*gerpl adi. (指揮) 大孩着 circulate [ss.kielert vi. 視路 locomotion [ˌləukəˈməuʃn] n. 运动,移

reptile ['reptati] n. 爬行动物 strenuous ['strenjusa] adi. 精力走淬的 lactic [Læktuk] adi. 乳的,来自乳汁的 SNOUL [snaut] n. 动物变出的口幕 stealth [stel0] n. 情情的或秘密的行动 thrust [Brast] v. 猛族用力推 murky ['msiki] adi. 黑暗的,蝶跳的 secretion [strkrijn] n. 分泌物

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# Chimpanzee

## 1. 黑猩猩

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本文讲述了有关黑猩猩的行为研究。文章开头指出,人们发现黑猩猩与人类的行为存在很多相似之处,接下来讲述了就此展开的一系列研究。

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# Chimpanzee

Chimpanzees show behaviors thought to be much like those of our early human ancestors.

The more humans study chimpanzees, the more similarities they find between the behaviors of apes and people.

The seven longest, largest studies of chimpanzees in the wild reveal far more variations in their behavior than expected. Researchers believe these variations are transmitted not through genes, but culturally, the way human infants learn from watching adults. In fact, such behaviors may be

similar to those of our distant human ancestors.

"The cultural differences from one chimpanzee group to another presumably show us the platform of behavioral skill from which human culture evolved," says Richard Wrangham, a professor of anthropology at Harvard University. "The behavior of our distant ancestors probably varied in much the same way as chimpanzee behavior does today."

Wrangham studied chimpanzees for many years in East Africa. He

combined his observations with researchers from various countries who have participated in the longest studies of chimpanzees all across Africa, including Jane Goodall who pioneered chimp-watching in Gombe, Tanzania. Together, these researchers accumulated 151 years of observations involving courtship, grooming, obtaining food, and even tickling each other (the chimpanzees, that is).

"This comprehensive analysis reveals patterns of (behavioral) variation far more extensive than have previously been documented for any animal species except humans," nine of the researchers report in the June 17 issue of Nature. "Moreover," the report continues, "the combined repertoire of these behavior patterns is itself highly distinctive, a phenomenon characteristic of human cultures, but hitherto unrecognized among nonhuman species." Andrew Whiten of the University of St. Andrews in Scotland is the lead author of the report.

## A Show Of Inventiveness

Birds in different geographical areas sing songs in different dialects. Macaque monkeys in Japan wash sweet potatoes before eating them. Bottlenose dolphins in Australia protect their noses with natural sponges when searching for food in the crevices of coral reefs. These are variations in only a single behavior, but the scientific chimp-watchers counted 65 different categories of behavior. "These represent a unique record of the inventiveness of wild chimpanzees," they comment.

Some of the activities are common to all communities, such as inviting others to play by holding a stem in the mouth. Other behaviors depend strictly on local conditions, including fishing with a stick for edible algae that's only present in specific locations. Eliminating these two types of activities brings the count to 38 different behaviors the researchers catalog as cultural variants.

Chimpanzees in certain parts of West Africa crack open nuts with a piece of wood. Others use a stone, or place the nuts on a wood or stone anvil first. Chimps in other areas don't use any such tools, although there's no lack of wood, stones, or the same kinds of nuts.



On the west side of the Sassandra River in the Ivory Coast, nut-cracking is popular. No chimpanzees do it on the east side of the river, although the two groups are closely related genetically. Researchers use such criteria to rule out the possibility that nut-cracking behavior is inheritable.

The apes also show wide variations in the way they fish ants or termites out of holes with sticks or leaf ribs. Different groups employ leaves differently, too as napkins or wash cloths, dabbing them on wounds, or

squashing ticks and other parasites with them.

These arbitrary variations compare to differences in human behavior, such as the way people prepare barbecue sauce, or eat hard-boiled eggs from a cup instead of a bowl. Most New Englanders love fried clams; many people in Texas wouldn't think of using clams for anything but bait.

To attract attention, humans shout or wave; chimpanzees may slap a branch, bend a sapling then release it, or pull leaves along a stem with their fingers.

In Uganda, Wrangham watched chimps run their fingers over leaves and touch them to their lips. "That signal often leads to grooming," he notes. "A male without much social status may use it to let more dominant males know that he would like to groom. The signal avoids social blunders that might draw the wrath of others in their group."

## Teaching, Learning, Or Imitating

How do chimpanzees learn these behaviors? Some scientists suggest that they are taught by adults. Wrangham and others doubt it. "At present, there's vanishingly little evidence of teaching," he says.

Other observers believe that young apes have their attention drawn to a behavior, then they learn it for themselves. The youngster sees an adult extract termites from a mound with a thin stick. That gives it the idea that there's food inside the mound, but the young ape has to work out the details for itself. For example, it might

choose a leaf stem rather than a stick to take out termites.

Supporting evidence for such behavior comes from captive apes. In one example, young chimpanzees watch an adult who has been taught to drag out-of-reach food up to his cage with a rake. The trained chimp immediately positions the rake with the flat side down. The watchers get the idea quickly, but have to learn for themselves that the flat side does a better job than dragging the rake tines-down.

Wrangham and others favor the simplest explanation that chimpanzees learn by imitation. He cites strong evidence from other experiments and observations. An old zoo chimp with a limp lurched from side to side as she walked. Three juveniles who followed her around all adopted the same swaying gait.

"We're getting increasingly comfortable with the idea that behavioral variations come from copying others in the group," Wrangham says. Other authors of the report agree that imitation is the simplest explanation. However, they write, "this is not to suggest that imitation is the only mechanism at work."

Wrangham believes that chimpanzee behaviors, like human traditions, are constantly being invented and going extinct.

"Over a millions years or more, you can't have new behaviors being invented and acquired without some processes for losing them," he comments. Extinctions would