

# How Crocodiles and Birds Help Each Other

Did you know that crocodiles and birds can be super buddies? Let's find out how!

## Crocodiles and Their Big Teeth

Crocodiles are big reptiles that live in rivers and lakes. They have **huge jaws** filled with sharp teeth! Sometimes, pieces of food can get stuck in their teeth, just like how sometimes food can get stuck in our teeth after we eat.

## Birds Come to Help!

Now, here comes the **special part!** There are small birds, called **Egyptian plovers** or **cattle egrets**, that love to help the crocodiles. When a crocodile opens its big mouth wide, these brave birds fly in to **peek at the teeth**.

## What's in It for Them?

The birds do something amazing! They **peck out** the food bits stuck between the crocodile's teeth. This helps the crocodile stay healthy because it keeps its teeth clean.

## A Happy Trade!

In return, the birds get a tasty snack from the leftover food. So, both the crocodile and the birds are happy!

## Nature's Teamwork!

This kind of friendship is called **mutualism** because both animals help each other. Isn't it awesome how creatures can work together in nature?

## Let's Remember!

So next time you see a crocodile, think about those little birds and how they help keep their friend's teeth clean. Nature is full of amazing surprises!