

Rewrite the following fused sentences. Provide the correct punctuation that makes the meaning clear.

1. The alligator can be a dangerous reptile it should be given a wide berth on any and all occasions.

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2. Alligators are found in the southern United States Florida, because of its large expanses of marshy habitats, may almost be termed the home of the alligator.

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3. You travel through the dense hammocks, where for miles the sun scarcely penetrates you may often encounter a large huge alligator as it travels from one cave or mud-hole to another.

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4. Do not tease or wound an alligator it will fight you with a ferociousness that will stun you and possibly hurt you.

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5. It can crush a person equally well with its tail as with its jaws it may use both but if you go on about your business the alligator will most likely do the same and not notice you much.

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6. You might think you are stepping onto a sunken log imbedded in the mud you realize that the log suddenly gets very much alive under that slimy mud and grass an alligator was taking a bath.

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7. Sometimes you may see an alligator lying motionless just under the surface of the water its jaws are open far enough to allow the flow of the current through them.

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8. A female alligator wishes to build her nest she selects a dry place, open to the rays of the sun, yet near to water.

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9. The female builds her nest by scraping together dry leaves, grass or other trash, until she has a large, round, compact bed on this bed of organic matter she deposits her eggs.

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10. After laying the eggs, the female covers them by going around and around the nest its body pushes more leaves and trash over the eggs.

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11. Once the nest is completed, the female goes off to the nearby water the heat of the decomposing vegetation warms the eggs until they hatch.

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12. Alligator eggs are white, oblong, and about three inches long sometimes one may detect a ring around the middle.

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13. The mother will defend the nest from predators and helps the hatchlings to water she will provide protection for about twelve months if the hatchlings stay close to the nesting area.

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14. When they hatch the young are spotted with yellowish stripes they are exceedingly lively and sometimes make straight for the water they often come back to sun themselves near the old nest.

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15. The male alligator, as well as other adult females, is a cannibal it will eat its own young the female selects a place far from the usual haunts of her mate when she prepares her nest.

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16. Today, alligators are raised in farms for their meat and skin, which is used to make bags and shoes in the past their unregulated hunting made these magnificent reptiles endangered.

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