

Crocodile by J K Annand

When doukin in the River Nile
I met a muckle crocodile.
He flicked his tail, he blinked his ee,
Syne bared his ugsome teeth at me.

Says I, 'I never saw the like,
Cleaning your teeth maun be a fyke!
What sort a besom do ye hae
To brush a set o teeth like thae?"

The crocodile said, 'Nane ava.
I never brush my teeth at aa!
A wee bird redds them up, ye see,
And saves me monie a dentist's fee.

Learning Resources

Reading

Read the poem and listen to the audio file.

1. Count the syllables in each line of the first verse of 'Crocodile'. Is there a pattern?
2. Now, look at the rhyme scheme and work that out. What rhyme scheme does the poem follow?

Writing

Look at the adjectives the poet uses: 'a **muckle** crocodile'; 'his **ugsome** teeth'.

1. What do you think these words mean? Try to work it out by using the context clues.
2. Use each of the adjectives in sentences of your own.