



18-year-old Amelie Osborn-Smith from Hampshire, UK, was whitewater rafting on the Zambezi River in Zambia when a crocodile grabbed her leg, and it tried to drag her under the water into a **characteristic death roll**, in order to control its prey.

The girl's father along with her friends fought off the crocodile, and people transported Amelie to a hospital in Zambia. Her lower leg was badly **mauled**, her lip was broken, and her right foot badly injured. Having received immediate treatment, people then **repatriated** her to the trauma unit of a London teaching hospital in the UK.

Amelie said that despite suffering frequent flashbacks and nightmares, the event would not stop her from returning to Zambia in the future. She added that she could now see that life could be over so quickly, and one event shouldn't hold anyone back from having a full life.

**Difficult words:** **characteristic death roll** (a normal action for the crocodile which is to roll with its prey to kill it), **maul** (to wound by scratching and biting), **repatriate** (to send someone back to their country).

**Discussion Questions****Topic Talk**

1. Define the following words: *characteristic death roll, maul and repatriate*
2. Where was Amelie Osborn-Smith when she was attacked by a crocodile?
3. How did the crocodile try to kill Amelie? And how did she survive?
4. Where did Amelie receive treatment before she was repatriated to the UK?
5. Would she return to Zambia in the future despite her horrible experience there?

**Express Your Thoughts**

1. Have you experienced whitewater rafting? *If no*, would you give it a try?
2. Are there crocodiles in your country? Are people generally afraid of crocodiles?
3. Have you heard about the deadliest crocodile attack in the world? Do you know how many Japanese soldiers were devoured by saltwater crocodiles during the attack?