



Last week, Amelie Osborn-Smith from Hampshire, UK, was **whitewater rafting** on the Zambezi river in Zambia. Suddenly, a crocodile attacked her.

The animal bit the girl's leg, and it wanted to pull her under the water. Crocodiles normally do this with their **prey**. They pull it under the water and turn around several times. This way, they kill the prey.

Amelie was lucky because her father and friends **frightened off** the animal. The girl had injuries on her leg, foot, and lip, and she went to a hospital in Zambia.

Now, Amelie is in a hospital in London, UK. She is having nightmares, and she often remembers the attack. Still, she said that she was not afraid to return to Zambia. She said that one bad experience should not stop people from enjoying their lives.

**Difficult words:** **whitewater rafting** (an activity when people ride in a small boat full of air through dangerous parts of a river), **prey** (an animal which is food of a larger animal), **to frighten off** (to scare a person or animal so they go away).

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

1. Define the following words: *whitewater rafting*, *prey* and *to frighten off*
2. What was Amelie Osborn-Smith doing when she was attacked by a crocodile?
3. How do crocodiles kill their prey?
4. How did Amelie survive the attack?
5. What kind of attitude does Amelie have towards life despite her bad experience in Zambia?

**Express Your Thoughts**

1. Have you tried whitewater rafting? *If yes*, how was it? *If no*, would you like to try it?
2. Are you afraid of crocodiles? Have you had any personal encounters with crocodiles?
3. What do most people in your country think of crocodiles?
4. If you were Amelie, would you still visit Zambia and do whitewater rafting despite what happened?