

HIPPOPOTAMUS

Misunderstood Animals: #10

Animal Type:

- ☐ Amphibian
- ☐ Bird
- ☐ Fish
- ☐ Invertebrate
- ☒ Mammal
- ☐ Reptile

Diet:

- ☐ Herbivore
- ☐ Carnivore
- ☒ Omnivore

Habitat:

- ☐ Desert
- ☐ Grassland
- ☒ Wetland
- ☐ Forest
- ☐ Polar
- ☐ Marine

Basic stats:

Number of species: 2

Speed: 19 mph

Lifespan: 40-50 years

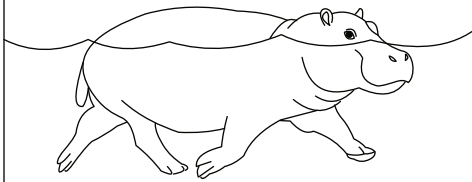
Weight: 2,900 -3,300 lbs, like a Honda Civic

Conservation Status: Vulnerable

A group of hippos: Herd, sea, thunder, or bloat

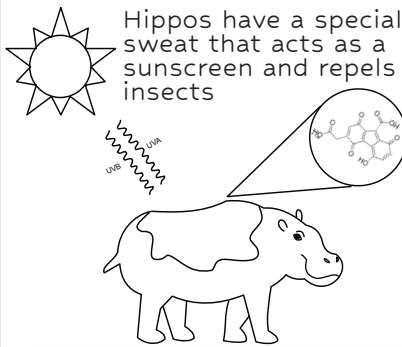
FACT OR FICTION?

Hippos are excellent swimmers



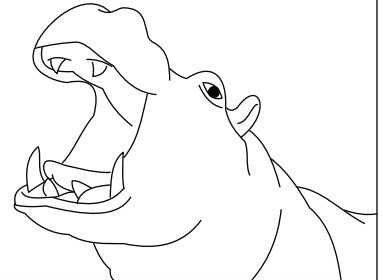
Fiction

Hippos have a special sweat that acts as a sunscreen and repels insects

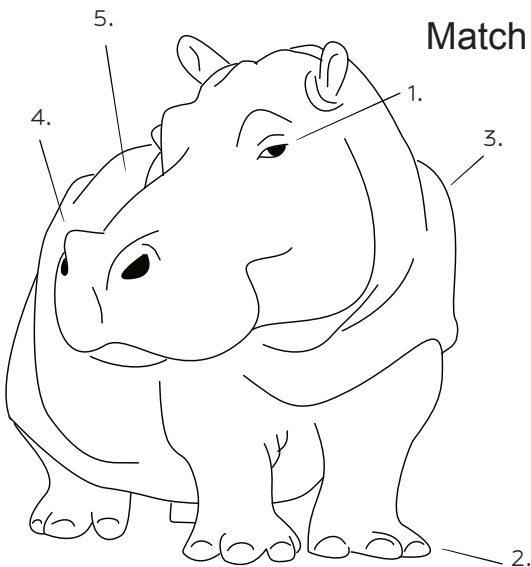


Fact

Hippos are always yawning because they are sleepy



Fiction



Match each feature with its function:

- 1 Eyes
- 2 Webbed toes
- 3 Skin
- 4 Nose
- 5 Pores

Allows them to move in and out of the water without becoming waterlogged

Helps support the hippo's heavy body on land and underwater

Secretes a reddish, oily fluid that is a natural sunscreen and moisturizer

Gives hippos superior night vision and the ability to see underwater

Helps them hold their breath for extended periods

Favorite Hippopotamus Fact: