**Hippopotamus**

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| <p>Hippopotamuses, or hippos for short, love to spend their days lazing around in muddy water. There they keep cool away from the hot sun. At night, they climb onto the land to munch grass at the water's edge.</p> | Hippopotamuses, or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for short, love to spend their days lazing around in muddy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. There they keep \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ away from the hot sun. At night, they climb onto the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to munch grass at the water’s edge. |
| <p>A hippo enjoys walking along the bottom of the river. It keeps its eye just above the water to spot enemies.</p> | A hippo enjoys walking along the bottom of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It keeps its \_\_\_\_\_\_ just above the water to spot enemies. |
| <p>A hippo turns pink when it leaves the water. A special slime makes it's skin change color and helps protect it from the sun.</p> | A hippo turns \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when it leaves the water. A special \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ makes its skin change colour and helps protect it from the sun. |
| <p>When a hippo is angry it opens its big mouth as wide as it can and flashes its long, sharp teeth!</p> | When a hippo is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it opens its big mouth as wide as it can and flashes its long, sharp \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! |
| <p>A hippo has a big heavy body shaped like a round barrel. Small birds pick insects off its body, helping to keep it clean.</p> | A hippo has a big heavy body shaped like a round barrel. Small birds pick \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ off its body, helping to keep it clean. |
| <p>River hippos live in herds, or groups, of 5 to 30 animals. A group of hippos is called a "bloat."</p> | River hippos live in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or groups, of 5 to 30 animals. A group of hippos is called a “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”. |