

DUBLIN ZOO
ACTIVITY BOOK

HIPPOPOTAMUS



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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Dublin Zoo's **#DUBLINZOOFUN** series where we will give you and your children a daily activity booklet to work together to complete.

All of the answers you will need to complete this activity booklet can be found on the Dublin Zoo website – www.dublinzoo.ie, or on our social media pages.

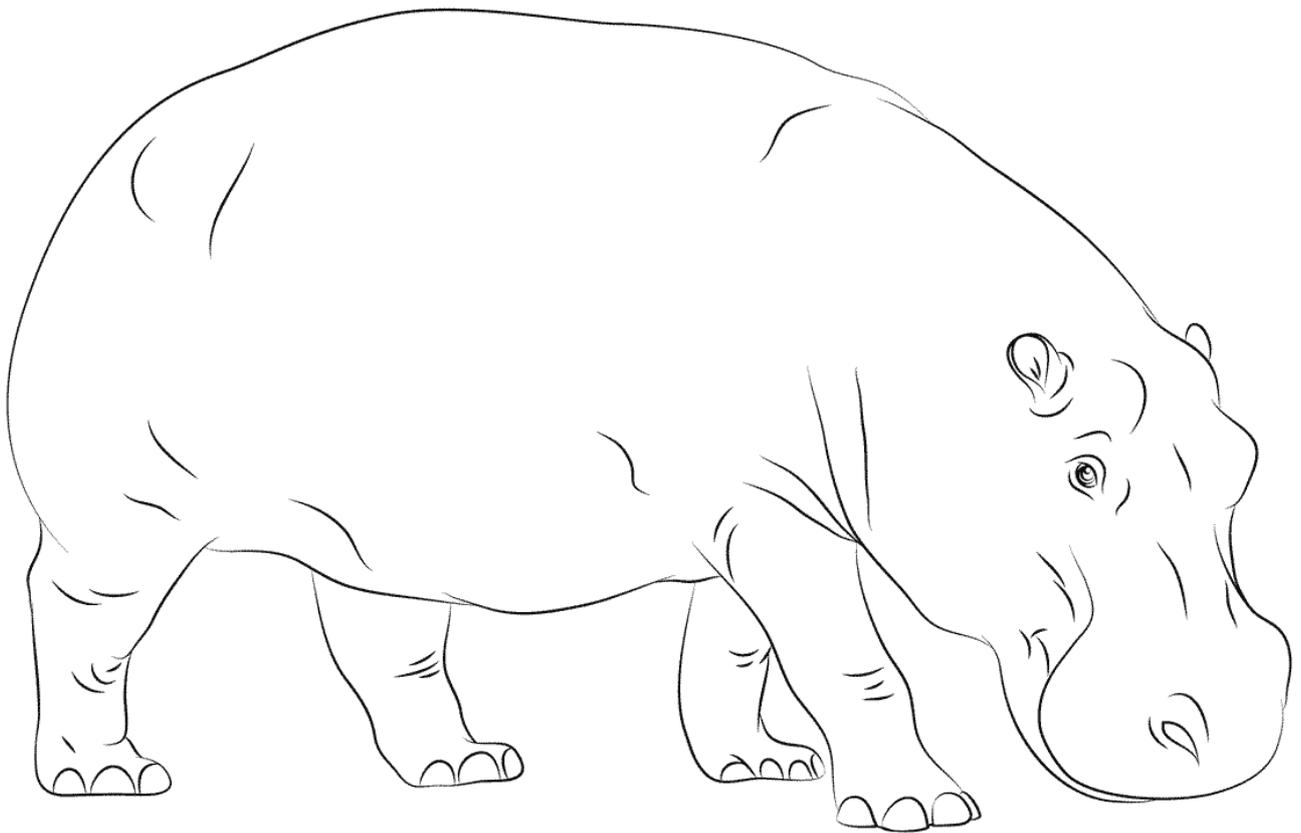
If you and your children are taking part in these activities, don't forget to tag **#DUBLINZOOFUN** in your progress pictures so we can share them on our Instagram and Facebook Stories.

Have fun and stay safe! – **DUBLIN ZOO**

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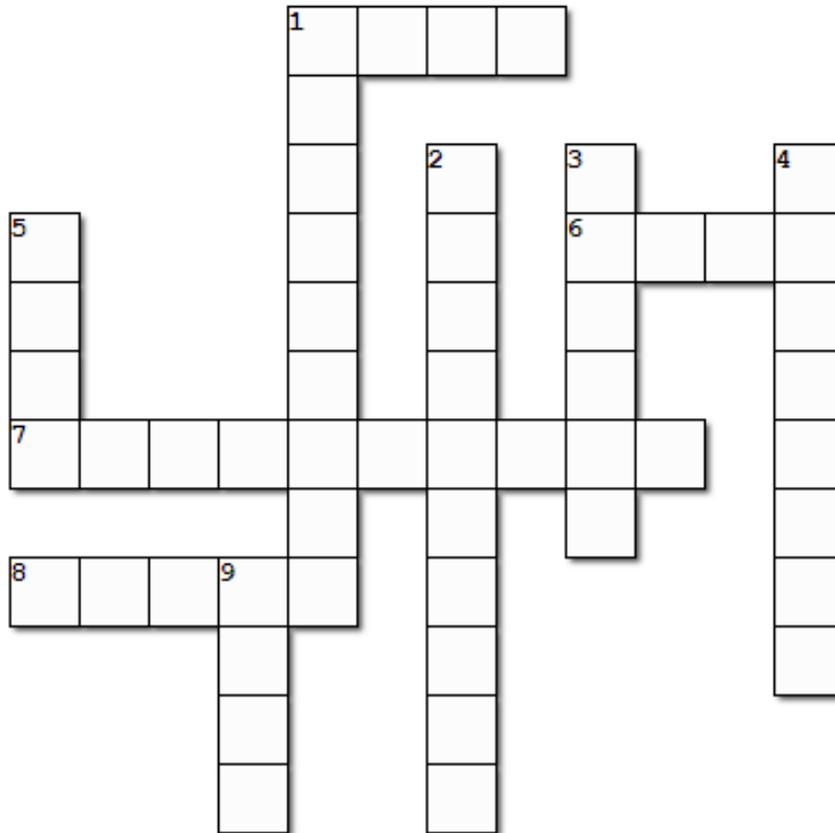


TRUE OR FALSE

We've given you a list of facts, you need to decide if they are **True** or **False**

1. Hippos are one of the heaviest animals on earth False True
2. Hippos cannot Swim False True
3. Hippos eat only red meat that they hunt for False True
4. Hippos do not have any toes, they have hooves like a horse. False True
5. Hippos can hold their breath for up to 5 minutes False True
6. They secrete an oily red substance through their skin False True

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ACROSS

1. What is a baby hippo called?
6. How many toes does a hippo have?
7. What is the Irish name for a hippopotamus?
8. What do hippos mainly eat?

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1. What is the name of a hippo's sister species?
(Hint: another name for aquatic mammals such as whales)
Answer on our website
2. What is the hippo's status on the IUCN Red List?
3. What continent are hippos from?
4. What is a sound that a hippo makes?
5. What is a group of hippos called?
9. What can fish do that hippos cannot?

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FILL IN THE BLANKS

Hippos live on _____ (mainly when feeding), in freshwater when inland and in marine habitats in coastal areas of eastern, central and southern sub-Saharan _____.

Hippos mostly make sounds by grunting and _____, sounds which can be made on land or in water. They are the only _____ that can do this!

The name hippopotamus derives from the meaning " _____ " in ancient Greek.

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TELL US THREE THINGS
YOU'VE LEARNED TODAY...

1.



2.



3.



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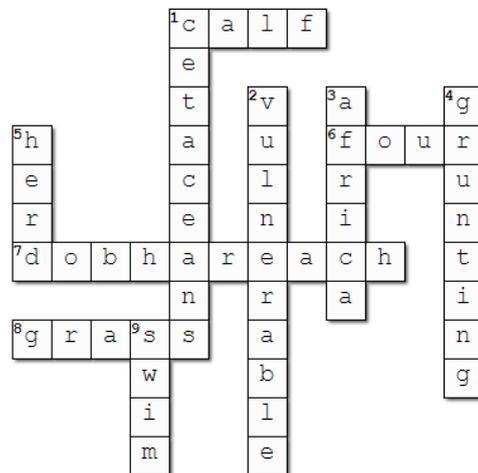


ANSWERS

TRUE OR FALSE

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FILL IN THE BLANKS

Hippos live on **land** (mainly when feeding), in freshwater when inland and in marine habitats in coastal areas of **eastern**, central and southern sub-Saharan **Africa**.

Hippos mostly make sounds by grunting and **bellowing**, sounds which can be made on land or in water. They are the only **animals** that can do this!

The name hippopotamus derives from the meaning "**river horse**" in ancient Greek .