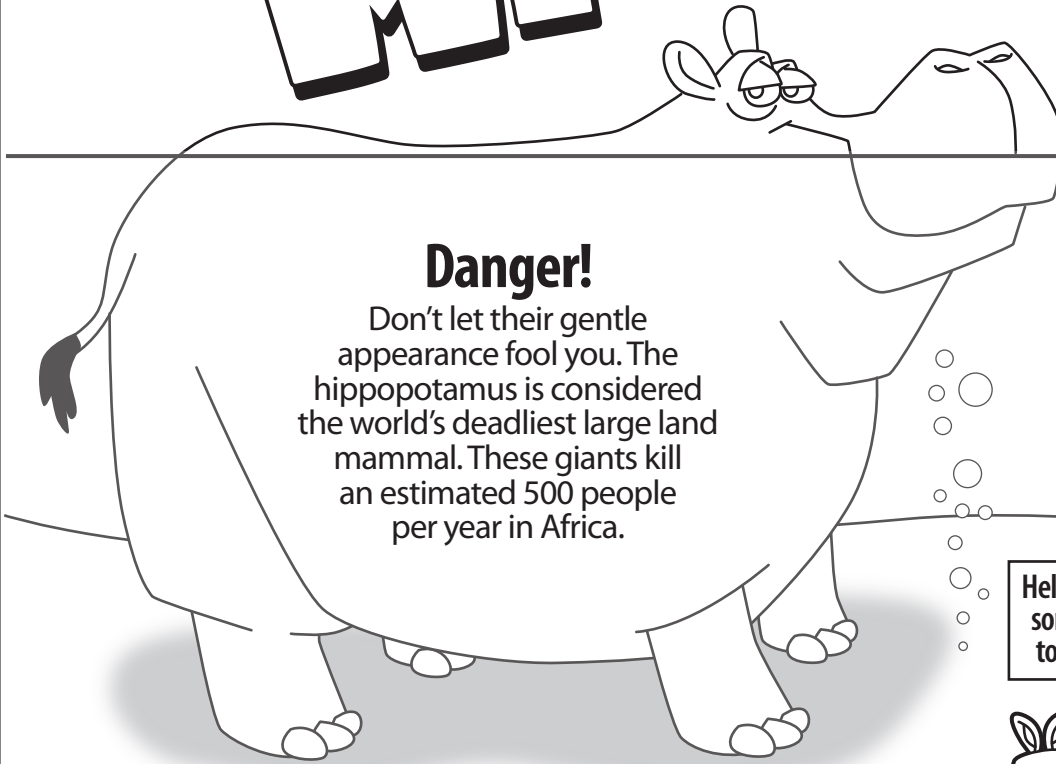




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# HIPPPOS



## Danger!

Don't let their gentle appearance fool you. The hippopotamus is considered the world's deadliest large land mammal. These giants kill an estimated 500 people per year in Africa.

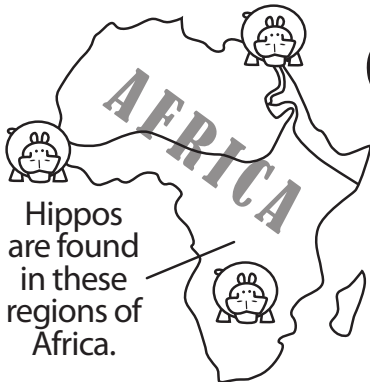
Help me find some grass to munch!



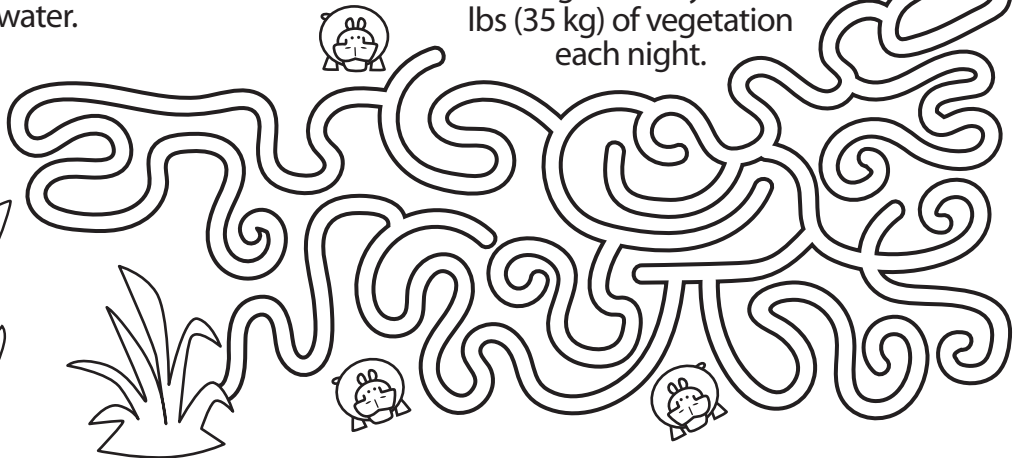
## How Hippos Keep Their Cool

To stay cool in the African heat, hippos spend most of their day in rivers and lakes. Their eyes, nose and ears are located on the top of their head, which means they can see and breathe while the rest of their bodies are under water.

Hippos leave the water at night to look for food. They like to eat grasses — lots of grass. They eat 80 lbs (35 kg) of vegetation each night.



Hippos are found in these regions of Africa.





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## The Hippo Code



Use the code to discover some facts about hippos.

▣ = CALF

▾ = BULL

◼ = COW

● = RIVER

▤ = HORSE

▢ = TUSK

**Q: What does the word *hippopotamus* mean?**

A: ● ▣



**Q: What is a female hippo called?**

A: ▣

**Q: What is a baby hippo called?**

A: ▣

**Q: What is a male hippo called?**

A: ▾



How many hippos can you find on these pages?



**Are hippos slow? Quite the opposite!** Even though their legs are short, and their bodies are large and heavy, a hippo can run fast! Hippos have been clocked running at speeds of 19 to 25 mph (30-40 km/h).



**How many differences can you find between these two hippos?**

### Open Wide!

Hippos have a huge mouth, measuring up to 4 ft (1.2 m) when opened wide!

Hippos have a pair of huge incisors in each jaw. The large, curved lower canine teeth are like tusks as they grow throughout a hippo's life. They can reach a length of 1 foot 8 inches (50 cm)! These teeth are used for combat, not eating. When a hippo yawns, it's not tired but it is a sign of a threat.



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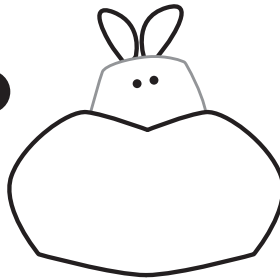
## Kid Scoop Together

### Let's Draw a Hippo!

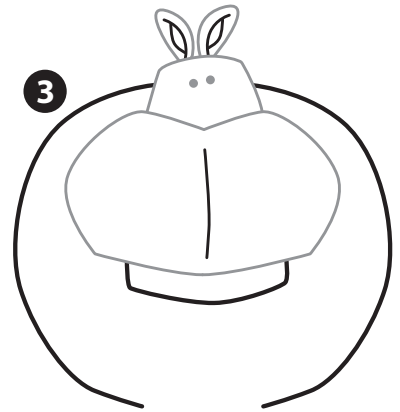
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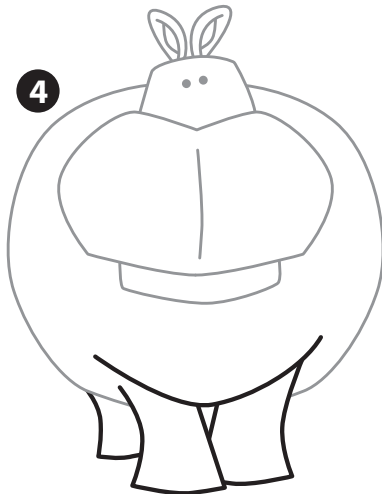
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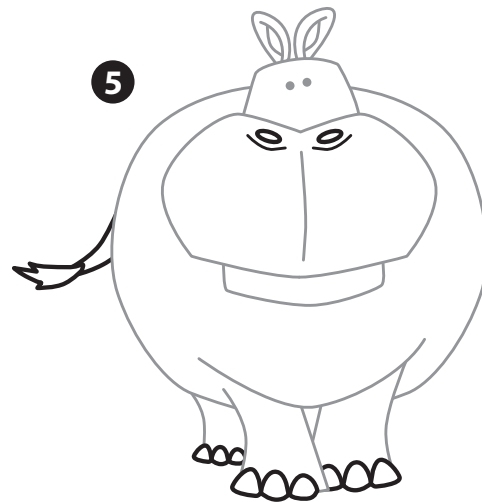
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## Opposites

Look through the newspaper to find words that are opposites. For example:

- large and small
- wet and dry

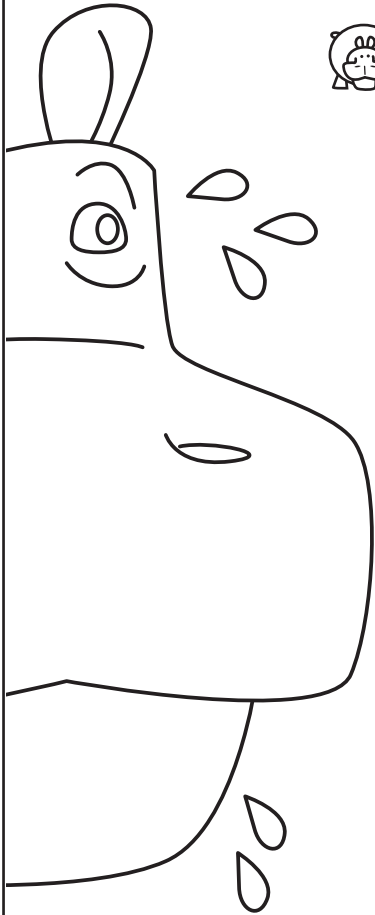


Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Recognize antonyms.



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## Puzzler



## Sweaty, Sweaty Hippos?

Hippos have an oily red liquid that oozes out of their skin. It isn't sweat. Sweat evaporates and cools a body. This liquid looks red in sunlight and it stays on the skin and protects it from drying out — and acts as a sunblock, too!

When early European explorers first noticed this reddish liquid on the hippos they observed, they gave it a name.

Circle every other letter to see what they called it.



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## VOCABULARY BUILDERS

### COMBAT

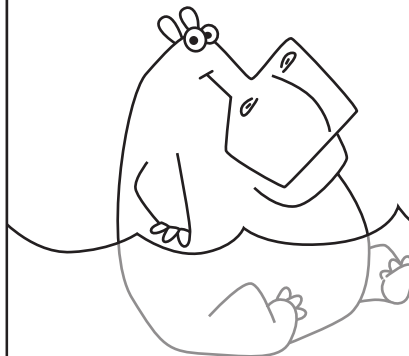
The verb **combat** means to fight with or struggle against.

When you have to **combat** a cold, plenty of fluids and lots of rest are helpful.

Try to use the word **combat** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.



## How does a hippopotamus get out of the water?



**ANSWER:** Wet and wrinkled!



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## Alliterations

*Hippos hardly hold hankies* is a sentence where every word starts with the same letter. This is an alliteration. Write three alliterations.

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## Fact and Opinion



Look through the newspaper to find and circle five facts. Then look through the newspaper to find and underline five opinions.

**Standards Link:** Reading Comprehension: Know the difference between fact and fiction.



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## Kid Scoop Jumbo Word Search

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.  
Then see how many of these words you can find in today's newspaper.

- DEADLIEST
- INCISORS
- SUNBLOCK
- BREATHE
- GRASSES
- AFRICA
- HIPPOS
- RIVERS
- THREAT
- OOZES
- TUSKS
- SWEAT
- COOL
- SLOW
- JAW



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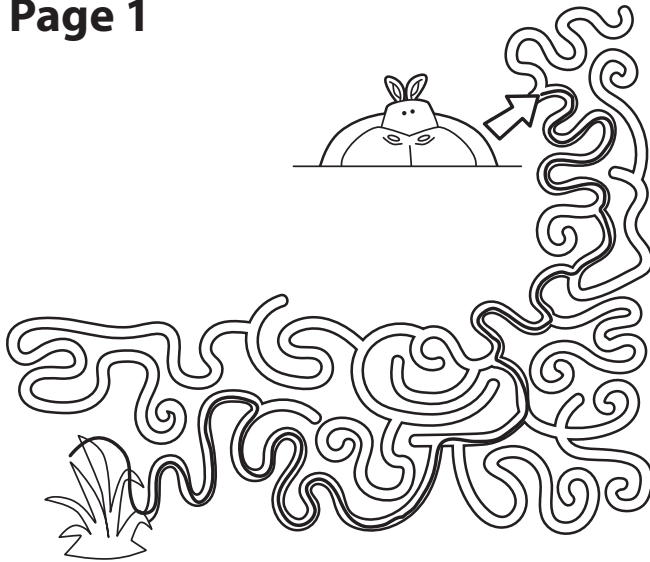
**Standards Link:** Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words.  
Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.



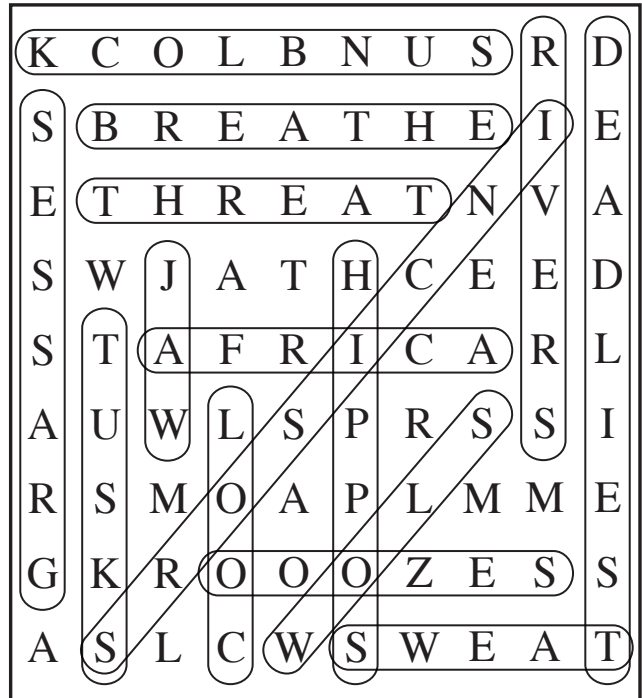
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## Answers

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#### The Hippo Code

What does the word *hippopotamus* mean?

River Horse

What is a baby hippo called?

Calf

What is a female hippo called?

Cow

What is a male hippo called?

Bull

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#### Sweaty, Sweaty Hippos?

Blood sweat