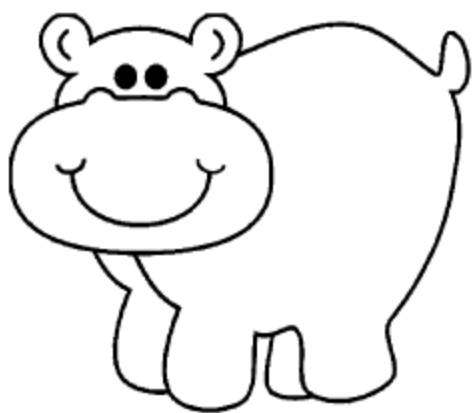


## H for HIPPO

Hippos live in the rivers,  
lakes and swamps.

They are the third largest  
African animal. Adult hippos  
have no natural enemy.



I want a hippo  
For Christmas,  
Only a hippo  
Will do!

Don't want a doll,  
No dinky Tinker Toy  
I want a hippo  
To play with and enjoy.

Baby hippos are usually born underwater.

They learn to swim before they can walk.

Hippos spend most of their day in water.

Being too heavy to swim, they navigate  
under water by walking on the bottom.

At night hippos leave the water.  
They walk to their favourite meadows  
and nibble on the grass.

A male hippo can weigh half a ton.

Even though hippos are so big, they only  
eat plants, and can eat 45 kg grass every  
night.

The name hippopotamus comes from the  
Greek and means *river horse*. But the  
hippo is more closely related to the pig  
than the horse.

Hippos may look cute, but actually they  
are very dangerous.

They can be extremely aggressive and  
unpredictable, especially if they feel  
threatened.