My Hippo Fact File

Read the hippo fact page, then fill in your fact file.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Draw a hippo

Hippo facts

Size: _____

Weight: _____

Lifespan: _____

Diet: _____

Habitat: _____

Where: _____

Status: _____

Match the word to its meaning

1. herbivore ____	A. active mostly at night
2. calf ____	B. a very long tooth; a hippo's tusks are its canine teeth
3. pod ____	C. a baby hippo
4. nocturnal ____	D. a group of hippos that live together
5. tusk ____	E. an animal that eats only plants

The most amazing thing I learned about hippos

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Answer Key

Hippo Fact File

Hippo facts

Scientific name:	Hippopotamus amphibius
Size:	10.8–16.5 ft long; about 5 ft tall
Weight:	Usually 3,000–4,000 lb; up to 9,900
Lifespan:	Up to about 40 years in the wild
Diet:	Mostly grass, eaten at night
Habitat:	Rivers, lakes and nearby grassland
Where:	Africa south of the Sahara
Status:	IUCN Vulnerable (assessed 2016)

Accept any answer that matches the fact page; sizes and lifespans are approximate.

Word match

1–E, 2–C, 3–D, 4–A, 5–B

Wow facts to share

- Hippos make their own red-tinted "sunscreen" on their skin.
- About 80% of hippo calls in one study were made underwater.
- A hippo's lower canine teeth can grow about 20 inches (51 cm) long.