



ALL ABOUT HIPPOS

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Wild hippopotamuses live in Africa by lakes and rivers. They're big and fat. They have small eyes, small ears, and short legs. They have big mouths and very big teeth! Adult hippos are usually three to four meters long, and they can run very fast!

The hippo in the photo is sleeping in the water. Hippos often sleep in water during the day because the water is cool. It's difficult to see them in the water because they're brown and look like big rocks. Hippos usually come out of the water at night and eat. They only eat plants. They can eat up to 40 kilograms of grass in one night, and they can travel up to 10 kilometers to find food. Hippos can be very dangerous. Every year they kill hundreds of people!

