



# Amazing Animal Adventure Pack

What do I know About a Hippo?



[Read the book in Tar Heel Reader](#)

## February 2022 Learn About Hippos

### Core Words

another, different, same, where, **heavy, under, out**

### Fringe Words

sock, **hippopotamus**

\*Add the word "hippopotamus" to your LAMP WFL vocabulary or use the word "it" instead.



### Introduce the Story

Show the cover of the book to students and tell them that this is a non-fiction book. This means it has real facts about hippos. I see a **HIPPOPOTAMUS**. This book has facts about hippos and it has rhyming words. That means some of the words have the **SAME** ending sounds. We will read this book to learn about real hippos. We can also listen for words that have the **SAME** ending sounds. Read the book, pausing to model target words.

Model single words: This is a real **HIPPOPOTAMUS**. It spends time **UNDER** the water. The hippo is **HEAVY**. Let's listen to these two words with the **SAME** ending sound: "true" and "knew." I wonder if we can find **ANOTHER** set of rhyming words in this poem.

Model two- and three-word combinations: The **HIPPOPOTAMUS** is **HEAVY**. Their eyes, ears, and nose stick **OUT** when they are **UNDER** water. Do these words have the **SAME** or **DIFFERENT** ending sounds?

Repeat the story several times this month. Provide students chances to learn, practice, and independently use the words!

### Writing: Sink or Float?

After reading the book and learning about hippos, plan a sink or float experiment. Gather items of various weights from around the classroom/home. Pass each item around. Talk about whether the items feel the **SAME** or **DIFFERENT**. Does it feel **HEAVY** like a **HIPPOPOTAMUS**? Will it sink **UNDER** water or stay **OUT**?

- Each student then has a chance to predict. Write down the student's words in a document or slide. If using an SGD, you can use Google Docs and Voice Typing to translate the words into text or connect an Accent device with NuVoice to a computer.
- Put each item in a tub of water and watch what happens. Did it go **UNDER** or stay **OUT**? Compare each student's predictions to the outcome.
- Publish the writing in PowerPoint, a document, or your favorite book creating app and share!

### Unity 84 Sequenced

	HEAVY 	heavy 
	under 	
	out 	
	ZOO ANIMALS 	hippopotamus 

### LAMP WFL 84 Full

big 	HEAVY 	heavy 
in 	under 	
out 	out 	
it 	it 	

\*Hippopotamus is not in LAMP WFL. You can add it, or you can use the word "it."

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[Learn about hippos at National Geographic Kids.](#)