

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## The Amazing Hippopotamus

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Their large size helps scare predators, their skin oil protects them from the sun and infections, and their eyes and ears help them stay alert in water.
2. Without the special oil, their skin could crack, get sunburned, and become infected.
3. They may seem calm because they rest in water but can be very aggressive if threatened.
4. Hippos help control vegetation and create channels in water, which benefits other species.

