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## The Life Cycle of a Hippopotamus

### Short Answer Key

1. Mother hippos protect their calves by staying close to them and guarding against threats.
2. A pod is a group of hippos that offers protection and helps young hippos learn social skills.
3. Water helps hippos stay cool and keeps their skin from drying out.
4. Hippos start eating grass when they are just a few weeks old.
5. Hippos can live up to 40 to 50 years in the wild.

