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The Life Cycle of a Hippopotamus

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Living in groups helps hippos stay safe from predators and teaches young ones how to behave.
2. Water helps hippos stay cool and prevents their skin from cracking.
3. Without its mother, a young hippo might be more vulnerable to predators and could struggle to find food.
4. Hippos live longer in captivity because they receive better care, food, and protection from predators.

