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How Does a Hippopotamus Communicate?

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Hippos use multiple methods to communicate because it helps them send different messages depending on the situation.
2. Scent marking helps hippos avoid conflicts by clearly defining their living spaces.
3. While observing a pod, you might notice honking, splashing, and body gestures like open mouths.
4. It is important for young hippos to learn communication so they can stay safe and interact with their pod effectively.

