

The Hippopotamus

This large creature can grow up to 17 feet in length and 5 ½ to 6 feet tall. It can weigh as much as 7,000 pounds . . . More than 3 cars put together! It lives all throughout Africa wherever there is a permanent supply of water and plenty of grass to graze. It spends most of it's time lounging in water or rolling in the mud to keep its skin from drying out, and secretes an oily reddish-pink substance to protect it from sunburn. Built like a tank, it can run much faster than a man, and defends its territory with massive, razor-sharp tusks.

