

# — WHO — **WOULD WIN?**

**RHINO VS. HIPPO**



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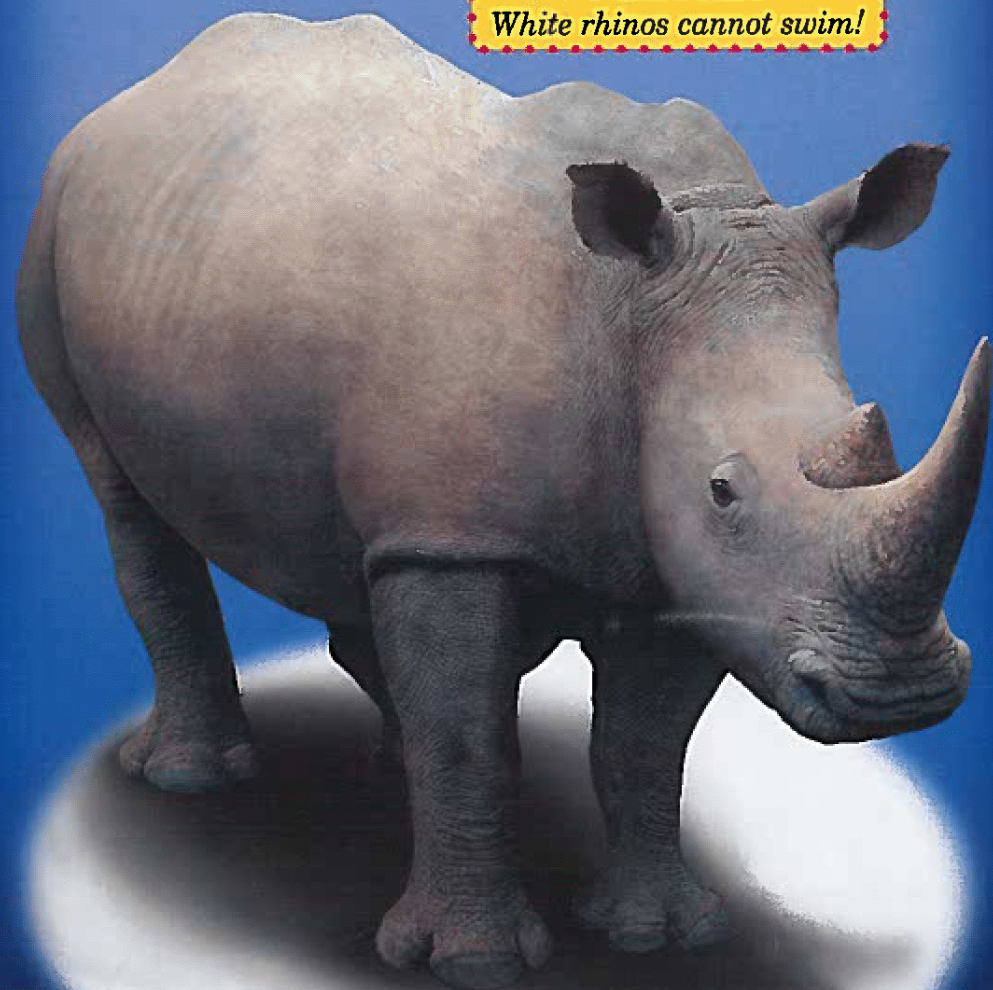


# MEET A RHINO

Rhino is a shortened version of rhinoceros, which means “nose horn.” They certainly do have horns. This is a white rhino.

## FUN FACT

*White rhinos cannot swim!*



## DID YOU KNOW?

*The white rhino is the second-largest land mammal. Only elephants are bigger.*

# MEET A HIPPO

Hippo is a shortened version of hippopotamus. Hippopotamus means “river horse.” From now on, we will call them rhino and hippo.

## FACT

*Hippos are mammals.*



## DEFINITION

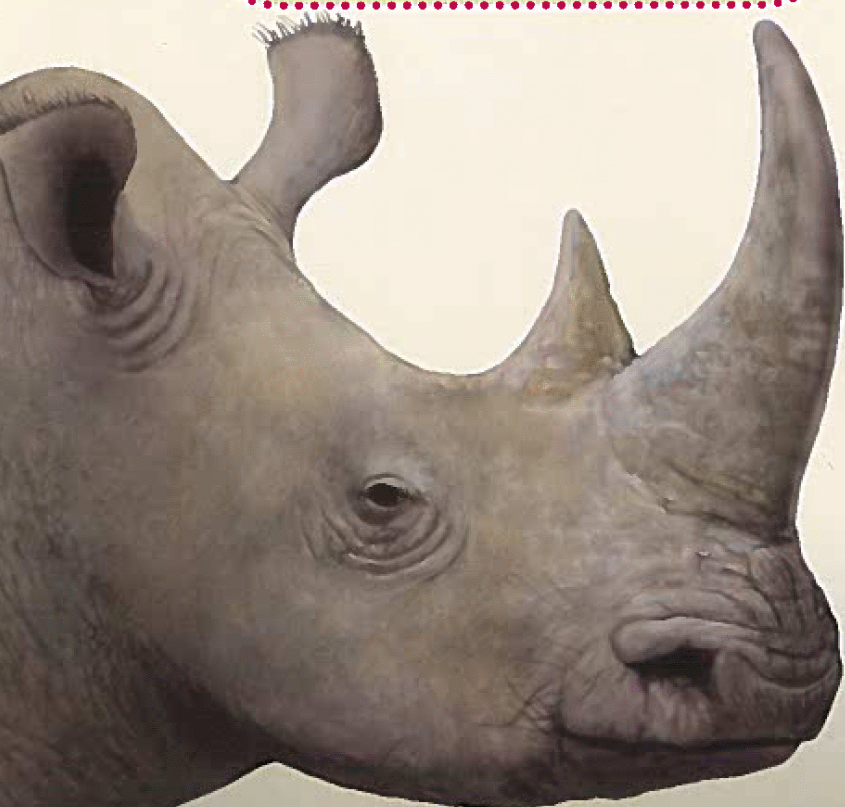
*A mammal is a warm-blooded animal with fur or hair that gives milk to its young.*

# RHINO WEAPONS

A rhino's best weapon is its size. It is huge! Rhinos stand six feet high at the shoulders and weigh 8,000 pounds.

## FUN FACT

*The rhino's horn is made of keratin. Keratin is the same material your hair and fingernails are made of.*



# 4 TONS

DID YOU KNOW?

# HIPPO WEAPONS

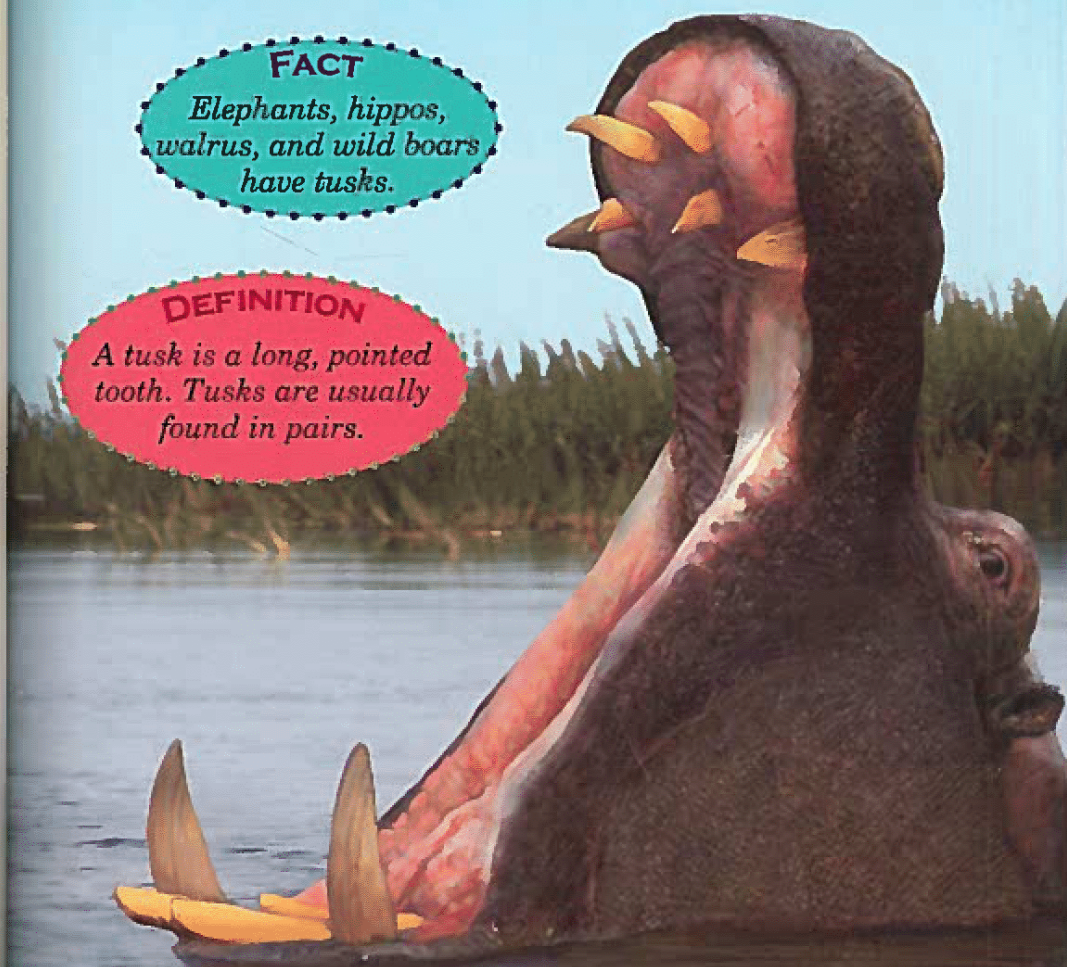
The hippo's best weapons are its huge teeth and strong jaw. It has six big front teeth on its upper jaw and four teeth plus two long tusks on its lower jaw. It chews with its back molars.

## FACT

*Elephants, hippos, walrus, and wild boars have tusks.*

## DEFINITION

*A tusk is a long, pointed tooth. Tusks are usually found in pairs.*



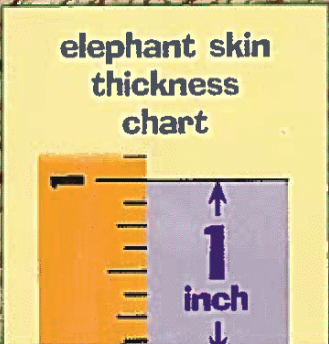
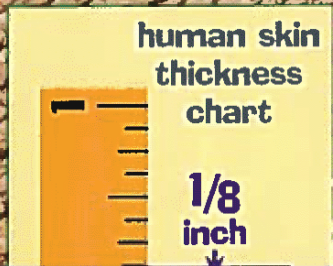
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# RHINO SKIN

Rhinos are mammals but they have almost no hair.

**FACT**  
*Rhinos roll in the mud to protect their skin from the hot sun.*

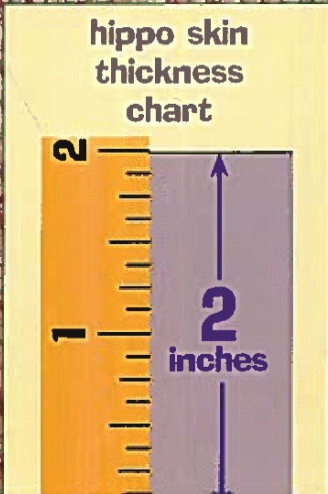
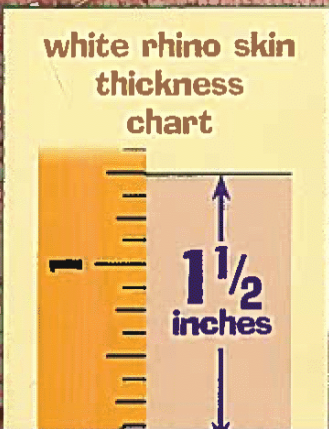


# HIPPO SKIN

Hippos also have almost no hair.

**FANTASTIC FACT!**  
*Hippo skin looks like armor, but it is actually very sensitive.*

**IT'S NOT BLOOD!**  
*Hippos have a natural skin lotion. Their skin oozes a reddish-orange oil.*



# RHINO SPEED

In short bursts, a rhino can run 30 miles per hour.



**RUNNING FACT**  
*A rhino can easily outrun a human.*



**FUN FACT**  
*A rhinoceros can gallop like a horse.*

# HIPPO SPEED

A hippo can run about 18 miles per hour. A hippo has no interest in running a marathon. It's not designed for long-distance running.



**DID YOU KNOW?**  
*A hippo can outrun most humans.*



**DID YOU KNOW?**  
*According to zoologists, the closest known relatives to hippos are dolphins.*

**DEFINITION**  
*A zoologist is a scientist who studies animals and*



# WHO HAS THE ADVANTAGE?

RHINO

HIPPO

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**Size**

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**Weight**

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**Weapons**

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**Skin**

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**Ears**

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**Speed**

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**Swimming  
Ability**

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