

ALPHABET ZOO FACTSHEET

storytime™

Letter
H&I
Animals

HYENA



1. There are three main types of **hyena** – spotted, striped and brown.
2. When spotted **hyenas** are excited, they make a noise that sounds like humans laughing.
3. **Hyenas** aren't related to dogs. They're actually more like cats.
4. **Hyenas** live in Africa, where there are more hyenas than any other large carnivore.
5. They live in big 'clans' of up to 80 animals.

WOW!

You can hear laughing hyenas up to three miles away!

1. The name '**hippopotamus**' is Ancient Greek for river horse. They spend up to 16 hours a day in the water.
2. Under water, they close their nostrils and ears.
3. **Hippos** can run fast and are famous for being aggressive.
4. A **hippo** sleeping underwater rises to the surface every three to five minutes to breathe. They can do so without even waking!
5. **Hippos** release a red substance when they wallow, which keeps their skin moist and protects it from the sun.

HIPPOPOTAMUS



TRUE!

Hippos are distantly related to whales.

IGUANA

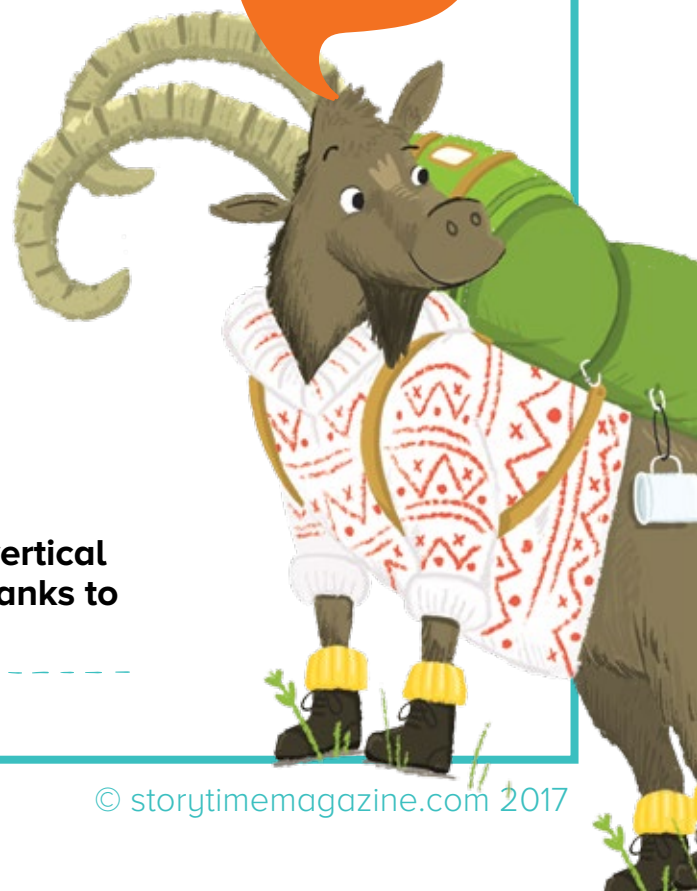


1. The green **iguana** is the longest of all iguanas and can grow to 2 metres (7ft) long.
2. **Iguanas** live in North, Central and South America and on some tropical and subtropical islands.
3. Green **iguanas** can leap through the trees from branch to branch.
4. Marine **iguanas** are black and survive on algae and seaweed.
5. **Iguanas** lay eggs in burrows and abandon them. Iguana babies have to fend for themselves!

Some people in Central and South America eat iguanas.

1. The **ibex** lives in the mountains of Europe, Asia and North Africa.
2. The **ibex** survives by eating bushes, shrubs and grass.
3. You can spot a male **ibex** as he has a long beard.
4. They use their horns for defence and to attract a mate. A male's curvy horns can grow to 1.5 metres (5ft) long!
5. From standing still, they can jump up to 1.8 metres (6ft) high!

IBEX



AMAZING!

They can climb sheer, vertical cliffs and rock faces, thanks to their clever hooves.

ANIMAL MATCH

Each of the animals in our
Alphabet Zoo poem is good at
something. Draw lines to match
each special skill to the animal.



CLIMBING

WALLOWING

LEAPING

LAUGHING

END

ALPHABET ZOO IBEX MAZE

JOKE!

How do you get a
hippo to do whatever
you want?
Hipponotism!

START



Answer:

FEED THE IGUANA

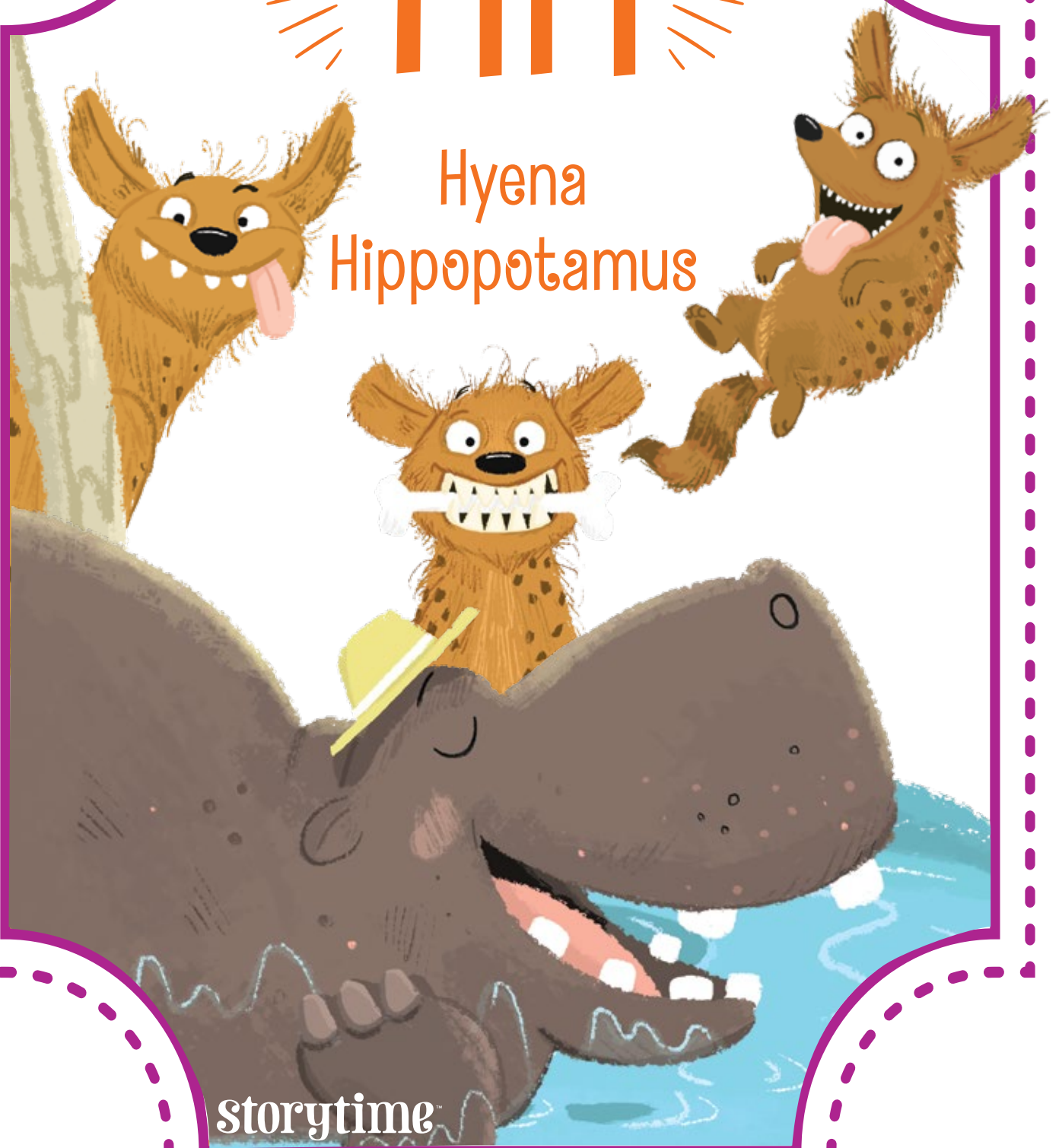
The iguana is hungry. Draw as many fruits as you can on this plate!

YUM!



Hh

Hyena
Hippopotamus



storytime

ii

Iguana
Ibex



storytime™