Hippos (A2 Reading Part 4)

Read the text. Choose the right words and write them on the lines.

Hippos

Example This kind of animal has an interesting name. We call it a hippo, but its long

1 name is ‘hippopotamus’. Hippopotamus _____ ‘river horse’. It has

2 that name because hippos spend lots _____ time in the water, and their ears look like horses’ ears.

3 Hippos like _____ grass too. But hippos are much bigger

4 _____ horses.

5 The only animal in the world that _____ a bigger mouth is a whale! A hippo is sometimes a dangerous animal, but it is not always

6 brave. It will often run to the water _____ hide. When it’s swimming,

7 its nose, eyes and ears are above the water _____ it can still smell, see and hear. When a hippo decides to go under the water, it closes

8 its nose and walks on the bottom of the river _____ it can find plants to eat.

9 It’s easy for a hippo to stay under the water _____ eight minutes!

10 Hippos _____ not eat meat. Their favourite food is river plants and different kinds of grass, and they usually only eat at night.

Example	its	it	them
1	mean	mean	meaning
2	from	off	of
3	eating	eats	eat
4	then	than	after
5	have	having	has
6	into	on	to
7	so	if	or
8	where	how	why
9	across	by	for
10	for	across	by