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4. BREAK IT – SOMETHING OLDER IS HIDING HERE!

Words have histories. Parts of words can come from older languages.
Look at these older pieces of the word HIPPOPOTAMUS.

HIPPOS

means:

HORSE



POTAMOS

means:

RIVER



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Put them together!

means:



So the old meaning of HIPPOPOTAMUS is:

RIVER HORSE

5. DRAW A RIVER HORSE!

Pretend you have never seen a hippopotamus.
Someone tells you there is an animal whose name means RIVER HORSE.

What does your river horse look like? →



6. READ IT & WRITE IT



Read the word with your class.
Then write it here.

HIPPOPOTAMUS

TODAY'S BIG IDEA



Big words can have a lot inside them.
We can hear pieces.
We can find pieces.
Some words have older pieces and histories inside their history.