

**Learning Objective**

We are learning how to use the first two or three letters of a word to check its meaning and spelling in a dictionary.

**Challenge 1**

**Match the words with the correct definitions using a dictionary to support you.**

submerge (vb) to feed on grass

semi-aquatic (n) an animal that eats only plants

tusk (adj) an animal (or plant) living partly on land and partly in water

herbivore (n) a long pointed tooth

graze (vb) to go below the surface of the water

**Challenge 2**

**Put the following animals in alphabetical order. You may need to look at the second, third and fourth letter of each word.**

 hippopotamus hedgehog hornbill hyena hare hartebeest hummingbird humpback

**Challenge 3**

**Create your own glossary using the words highlighted in the sentences below. Remember that a glossary is like a mini-dictionary for technical words found at the back of information books.**

The large herd of **semi-aquatic** hippos were cooling themselves in the mighty Mara River. A **dominant** male was aggressively protecting his females from a rival male who had just wandered into his **territory**. His mouth was wide open, revealing several metre-long **canines**. Meanwhile a cow (female hippo) was guarding her young calf from a number of **predatory** crocodiles that were lurking, partially **submerged** in the river.

Here is an example of a glossary for some of the words that were on the Word Wall:

**Glossary**

**digested –** When food is broken down in the stomach into materials that the body can then use to provide energy.

**herbivore -** An animal that only eats plants.

**mammal -** Any animal of which the female feeds her young on milk from her own body.