

The sun is out and it's a beautiful day to be outside. What can you do?

You can go to the zoo!

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You might start by visiting some big animals, like giraffes and **polar bears**. Giraffes don't mind when it's hot outside.

• Polar bears like it to be cold.

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A hippopotamus is sometimes **called** a **hippo**.

A **hippo** has very little hair on its body. To protect its bare skin from the hot sun, it spends much of its time in the water.

A mother **hippo** is **called** a cow. A baby is **called** a pup.

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The biggest animal in the zoo is the African elephant. It is the largest land animal on Earth. It has very large ears. This zoo also has some smaller Asian elephants.

They are **smaller** in size and have **smaller** ears.