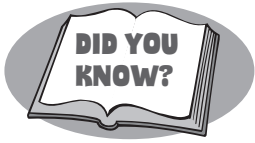


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# Hippo Keeper's Log



Owen was a baby hippo. He was abandoned by his mother and badly in need of water. Luckily, Owen was found. On December 27, 2004, Owen was taken to Haller Park in Kenya. There, something new and unexpected happened. Owen became friends with a giant tortoise! The tortoise was over 100 years old. Its name was Mzee. Owen would lick Mzee's face and sleep with his head on Mzee.

**Activity:** Write an entry in a log Owen's keeper might have kept when Owen first arrived. A log is like a diary. It tells when and what happens. Include your thoughts and feelings in the log, too.

Time writing

Put a colon (:) between the hour and the minute.

Use AM or a.m. for before noon.

Use PM or p.m. for afternoon.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

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