The Greedy Hippo

There was a greedy hippo. He ate everything in sight. From cheese to peas, chips and cake, he always had a bite.

Now Hippo he was selfish. He ate everybody’s food. He ate the cat’s, the dog’s, the cow’s. He was very, very rude.

One morning after breakfast, he jumped into the lake. One big splash and he was stuck. That was a big mistake.

The hippo he sank deeper, then began to shout. “Help, please help, I’m sinking. Won’t someone pull me out?”

The animals all pulled and pulled, as hard as they were able. Out he popped, ran past them all, and ate everything on their table.

The animals were angry, and thought they’d play a trick. They made a pie from fish and soap to make old Hippo sick.

“Here you are, we’ve made a pie, especially for you.” “Thanks,” he said, “I’ll eat it now. I’ve nothing else to do.”

First a nibble, then a bite, then a great big swallow. He then went back into the lake, the place he loved to wallow.

But something wasn’t right, thought Hippo, “I feel quite odd inside.” Now he had a tummy ache as the cooks looked on with pride.

Hippo learnt his lesson. It was the end of all their troubles. He was last seen leaving town, blowing fishy bubbles.
1. What did greedy hippo eat in the story? Put a tick next to the correct pictures:

- a. [Image of food]  
- b. [Image of soap]  
- c. [Image of chicken]  
- d. [Image of salad]  
- e. [Image of pie]  
- f. [Image of slice of pizza]  
- g. [Image of fish]  
- h. [Image of apple]  

2. Put the story into the correct order. Number the sentences 1-10. The 1st one has been done for you!

- a) __1__ There was a greedy hippo. He was very selfish and ate everybody's food.
- b) _____ The animals were very angry and played a trick on him.
- c) _____ Out he popped and he ran to the table and ate their food!
- d) _____ Something wasn't right. He felt sick. Oh no! He had a tummy ache!
- e) _____ He began to shout "Help! Pull me out!"
- f) _____ Hippo learnt his lesson and left the town. Goodbye!
- g) _____ Hippo swallowed the special pie and jumped back into the lake.
- h) _____ The animals all pulled and pulled.
- i) _____ One morning he jumped into the lake and was stuck.
- j) _____ They made a fish and soap pie!

3. Whose food did the greedy hippo eat?

- a. [Image of a cat]  
- b. [Image of a pig]  
- c. [Image of a bear with a bone]  
- d. [Image of a fish]  

Key: 1. b d e g h  
2. 2=i, 3=e, 4=h, 5=c, 6=b, 7=j, 8=g, 9=d, 10=f  
3. a, c, d