

Level 3. Crabs

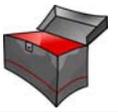
Alpha Readers

Crabs



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A Write the correct word and match the word to its description.

	seaweed	nippers	empty	flipper	seashore	grab
1		empty				
2		seashore				
3		seaweed				
4		nippers				
5		grab				
6		flipper				

a plant that grows in the sea
 legs with large claws
 no people or things in it
 flat pieces of rubber that help you swim more quickly
 a coast where the land slopes down into the sea
 to pick up something roughly

B Read and write the antonym for the given word.

- large
- enemies
- sharp
- hard
- backwards

1. Crabs use their sharp nippers to grab hold of the food.
blunt
2. Crabs have a hard shell on the outside of their bodies.
soft
3. Some crabs can also move backwards.
forwards
4. These crabs often march in very large groups.
small
5. Crabs move in different ways to hide from their enemies.
friends

C Complete the chart for "Crabs".

sideways / backwards / seaweed / tiny sea animals / seashore

Where crabs live	They live around the <u>seashore</u> .	
What crabs eat	They eat	<u>seaweed</u> 
		<u>tiny sea animals</u> 
		dead things 
How crabs move	They can move	<u>sideways</u> 
		forwards 
		<u>backwards</u> 
		when they walk.

D Complete the science report.

Science Report

What do crabs look like?



Crabs have a hard shell on the outside of their bodies. Hard shells save them from their enemies.

(Write what you learned about their shells)

The hermit crab find an empty shell to live in.



(Write what you learned about the crab without a shell.)

Answers vary.