

## ALL ABOUT CRABS

Crabs are pretty fascinating creatures. There are almost 7,000 different kinds of crabs! Crabs are invertebrates which means they do not have a backbone and they have an exoskeleton on the outside of their body to help protect them from predators. These animals lay eggs, they can lay hundreds of them.

Crabs have 5 pairs of legs including their claws. They use their legs to walk sideways. Crabs also have two antennae and two eyes that stick out of their head. Crabs can be very small or very large. The Pea Crab is the smallest species at only a few millimetres long and the largest, the Japanese Spider Crab, can measure up to 13 feet long!

Some crabs live under water and breathe through gills and land crabs have body parts that work like lungs. Crabs are omnivores which means they eat both plants and animals. People eat many types of crab all over the world. Crabs legs are the favourite food for many people!

These animals communicate with sounds by drumming their pincers and claws. They live in groups and most crabs live around 3-4 years.



### Answer the questions.

1. How many kinds of crabs are there? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Why are they invertebrates? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What does the exoskeleton of crabs do? \_\_\_\_\_
4. How many legs have crabs got? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Which is the smallest species of crabs? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Have crabs got gills? \_\_\_\_\_
7. What do they eat? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What's the crab's part do people like to eat? \_\_\_\_\_
9. How do they communicate? \_\_\_\_\_
10. How long do they live? \_\_\_\_\_

### Say True or False

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| 1. Crabs have got 10 legs.         | True | False |
| 2. They have got a dorsal fin.     | True | False |
| 3. They lay eggs.                  | True | False |
| 4. Crabs can be all sizes.         | True | False |
| 5. They only eat plants.           | True | False |
| 6. They have got flippers.         | True | False |
| 7. People don't eat crabs.         | True | False |
| 8. They communicate with whistles. | True | False |
| 9. They don't live alone.          | True | False |
| 10. They live many years.          | True | False |