

Crabs

Crabs do not have bones. Most crabs have strong thick shells instead. The shell protects the crab from sharp rocks.

The shell protects the crab from other sea animals too. A small fish will not eat the crab.

Insects have six legs. Spiders have eight legs. Crabs have ten legs. On the front legs a crab has claws.

Claws help the crab to pick up food.

Crabs can fight with their claws.

Most crabs eat dead fish and dead sea animals.

**Sometimes they eat pieces of food
left by big fish.**

Crabs have eyes on the ends of little stalks. This helps them to see all around.

If they see a big animal they hide under rocks, or hide in the sand.

A crab has babies. Their babies hatch out of eggs. Crabs carry their eggs under their bodies.

Most crabs live in water. They do not breathe with lungs like people do. They breathe with gills like fish do.

Words to learn:

protects	babies
claws	hatch
front	carry
fight	bodies
dead	breathe
pieces	lungs
eyes	people
stalks	gills

Picture collection

