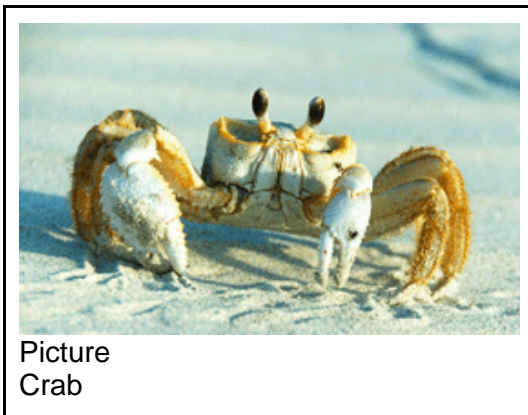


Crab



Picture
Hermit crab

Crabs are animals with a hard shell and jointed legs. Some crabs live in shallow waters along seashores. Some are found in deeper waters. Only a few crabs live on land or in fresh water. Some kinds of crabs are good to eat.



Picture
Crab

Crabs are *crustaceans* <<kruhs TAY shuhns>> . Crustaceans are animals with jointed legs and no backbone. Lobsters and shrimp are also crustaceans.

A crab has five pairs of legs. The first pair is tipped with large claws. Most crabs prowl the shore by walking or running sideways. In crabs that swim, the last pair of legs are paddle shaped. A crab's shell covers the upper part of its body. Crabs eat many kinds of water animals. Many crabs eat debris and animal remains. Some types of crabs eat mostly plants and similar living things called *algae* <<AL jee>> .



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