

# All about *CRABS*

Crabs are one of the favourite seashore animals!



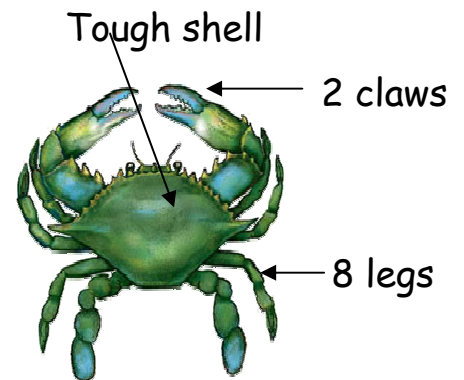
Edible Crab

## *A crab's habitat*

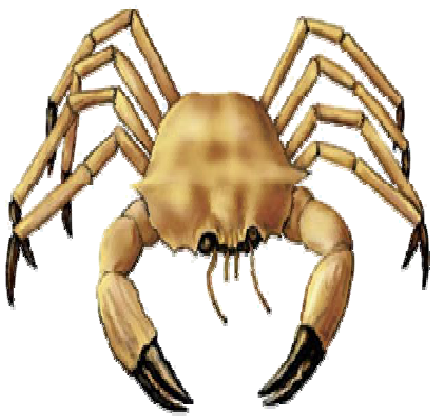
Crabs live on the sea shore in rock pools. Crabs have tough shells, but they like to hide away. Sometimes they hide under stones and seaweed. Sometimes they bury themselves in the sand. Some crabs *camouflage* themselves by covering themselves in bits of seaweed.

## *Feeding*

Some crabs will eat anything that they find. They are *scavengers* which means that they'll eat anything which is lying around. Some crabs eat lots of seaweed. Other crabs crack open limpets and sea snails with their tough claws to eat what's inside.



Shore Crab



Masked Crab

## *Appearance*

Crabs have very hard shells to protect them. But some crabs have to find empty snail shells to live in - these are called *Hermit Crabs*. Crabs have big claws. Some claws are sharp for ripping and cutting. Other claws are strong for crushing and cracking. Crabs have ten legs.

Next time you're at the beach, keep your eyes peeled for a crab!