

# Crabs

This is a crab. It has a **shell** to keep it safe.  
The shell is on the outside of its body.



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*Some crabs are big  
and some crabs are  
very small.*



Crabs have ten legs.

Five legs are on one side  
and five legs on the other side.

*Crabs can walk  
sideways.*



The front pair of legs are called **claws**.  
The claws hold food for the crab to eat.



*The claws are bigger  
than the other legs.*

