

# A New Home



A hermit crab is a kind of crab that doesn't have a very hard shell. It uses other animals' old shells for protection. As the hermit crab grows in size it must find a new shell or home.

The hermit crab is a crustacean. Most species live on the ocean floor but there are some that live on land.

They are invertebrates meaning without a backbone. They have ten jointed legs, the first two have grasping claws on the end to get food. They have a flattened body, sensory antennae, two eyes located at the ends of stalks, and a soft, twisted abdomen (which the hermit crab keeps hidden inside its shell).

1. Why does the hermit crab use other animals' shells? \_\_\_\_\_
2. When it gets too big it has to \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Invertebrate means \_\_\_\_\_.
4. What do they use to get food? \_\_\_\_\_

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