

Lesson Plan Outline

Hermit Crabs: Robbers of the Deep by Pamela Coleman

Subject/Fields Sea Animals, Pets, Crabs,

Required Materials: **Hermit Crabs Robbers of the Deep** by Pamela Coleman and related activity sheets (book and activity sheets can be printed from LearningIsland.org.).

Time for Lesson: Reading time: One to two lessons, dependent upon the depth of lesson the teacher chooses, level of class, vocabulary preparation and follow up as well as the reading lesson structure the teacher uses for her class Time for activities: variable depending on activities chosen and the level of the class.

Activities

1. **Reading:** This is the teacher's choice as to how to present and follow through the book available from LearningIsland.org.
2. **Vocabulary:** The following is a suggested listing of the basic vocabulary needed to comprehend the story. Teachers may have their own way of presenting vocabulary that is appropriate to their class. They may need to add or delete vocabulary.

Hermit crabs: a small crab that has a soft body that lives in empty shells

Omnivore: a creature that eats about anything

Plankton: very tiny plants or animals that float in the ocean

Larva: a time of the hermit crab's growth in which it looks like a little worm with two big eyes and a pointed nose

Molting: the time when animals shed their old skin

Nocturnal: to move about at night

Vocabulary Activities:

Word Search Puzzle Activity Sheet

"New Words" section of the Workout .

Comprehension Questions.

These questions request the student to use the content he/she had read to answer after reading the entire book. The more specific details questions are left to the teacher, as classes and levels and expectations vary. Those specific questions can vary with class discussion or teacher made worksheets.

The activities presented in the "Workout" Suggestions are very comprehensive.

Writing Activities

Students can write a paragraph, without looking at the story, as to the steps they would take to set up a home for a new hermit crab(s).

Answers

Word Search: 1. Hermit crabs, 2. Shell, 3. Shrimp, 4. Claws, 5. Legs, 6. Antennae, 7. Hairy, 8. Green, 9. Robber, 10. Babies, 11. Sea, 12. Land, 13. Red, 14. Brown, 15. Yellow

Matching: 1. Gills, 2. Bones, 3. A chirp or a croak, 4. Stomach muscles, 5. Tide pools, 6. Sunlight, 7. Stripes or dots, 8. Dew, 9. Eat, 10. Groups

New Words: 1. Plankton, 2. Omnivore, 3. Larva, 4. Molting, 5. Nocturnal

Color Me True: 1. True, 2. True, 3. True, 4. False, 5. True, 6. False.

Unscramble the words: Claws, red, land, yellow, legs, hairy, shrimp, babies, green, shell, hermit crabs, robber, brown, antennae, deep sea.

Word List (examples): A, he, her, his, hit, bit, mat, bat, hat, rat, tar, bar, met, crab, chat, crib, brim, scar, brat, brace, etc.