

## Word Search

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions:** Fill in the blanks in the following questions. Then find your answers in the word search on the next page. Words can go up, down, backwards, forwards, or diagonally.

1. This book is about \_\_\_\_\_.
2. A hermit crab doesn't have a \_\_\_\_\_ of his own. So it must find one to protect itself.
3. Hermit crabs are not really crabs. They are more like \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The front two legs are \_\_\_\_\_ called pincers. One front \_\_\_\_\_ is smaller than the other.
5. They have 10 \_\_\_\_\_, five on each side!
6. Hermit crabs have \_\_\_\_\_ on top of their head. They use them to help stay away from danger or to feel for food.
- 7 & 8. \_\_\_\_\_ hermit crabs are \_\_\_\_\_ with white bands around their legs. They are very small.
9. Hermit crabs are also called \_\_\_\_\_ crabs. That's because when they find a new shell that still has something living in inside, they will dig it out with their claws and move right in.
10. Mother crabs can lay as many as 50,000 eggs! That is too many \_\_\_\_\_!
11. Deep \_\_\_\_\_ hermit crabs live in the deepest part of the ocean.
12. Another type of hermit crab is called the \_\_\_\_\_ hermit crab. These hermit crabs live in many places including trees.
- 13, 14 & 15. Hermit crabs come in many colors. Many are \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, orange, purple and \_\_\_\_\_. Some are even bright blue.

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## Hermit Crabs Word Search Puzzle

Find the words.

A O B P Z Y Y P R H Y G K J Z C H J A R  
G N J R M E S T O A N E R P O N B T G F  
L T T L O P V R B I D N L E N X P B H V  
T V F E G W T Z B R O D A L E D O K G T  
S Y D G N N N T E Y Y G N U O N R Z O D  
M W C T C N K K R Q Q F D Q F W P E B Y  
T R I G L S A N L R W S A C S N L U X D  
V X X T A Q C E R R B H O J I J Z H C O  
T Q Q V W X P C U E V R S Q P A Q O R N  
J I P Y S L G Z X W D I A R C D S L Y E  
Z W R R W B V M U C D M Z U P E Q M N M  
L W U S M Q A Y W L O P B F O E S M L L  
C E C X C Y B B W P Q O T S D P H D Y W  
J I G E W Q W B I C J M F N K S E O H D  
M U I S U A R L X E L O E G B E L T D R  
H E R M I T C R A B S C X Q X A L R R H  
J U N Y T J U K U S T A C N I J L Q D R  
K P A T A Q X H V W T B I T W H D W C J  
A E X D T L N M Y H M V S K G F A V A I  
F U J P T F U J O T D H N F R X A C N H

antennae

babies

brown

claws

deep sea

green

hairy

hermit crabs

land

legs

red

robber

shell

shrimp

yellow

## Matching

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Put the words from the box into the correct sentence below.

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|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| A. Tide pools      | E. Gills              | I. Eat             |
| B. Stomach muscles | F. Sunlight           | J. Stripes or dots |
| C. Dew             | G. Groups             |                    |
| D. Bones           | H. A chirp or a croak |                    |

1. These \_\_\_\_\_ also hold water. That way a hermit crab can go almost a year without any food or something to drink.
2. Hermit crabs do not have \_\_\_\_\_ inside their body. That makes them very soft. So they use a hard seashell to protect themselves.
3. Hermit crabs talk to each other by making \_\_\_\_\_. No one knows how they make that sound.
4. The back legs are very small. They use their two back legs and their \_\_\_\_\_ to help hold themselves inside the shell. If they come out of the shell they might get eaten.
5. Marine hermit crabs live in the bottom of \_\_\_\_\_. These are puddles of water left around rocks when the tide comes in and out.
6. Hermit crabs can not stay out for too long. If they get too much \_\_\_\_\_ they will dry out and die.
7. And some even have \_\_\_\_\_ on their body. They can be brown or orange or red or yellow.
8. Land hermit crabs get their water from \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Hermit Crabs also \_\_\_\_\_ their skin when they shed. This gives them the calcium they need to help them grow.
10. Land hermit crabs like to live in \_\_\_\_\_.

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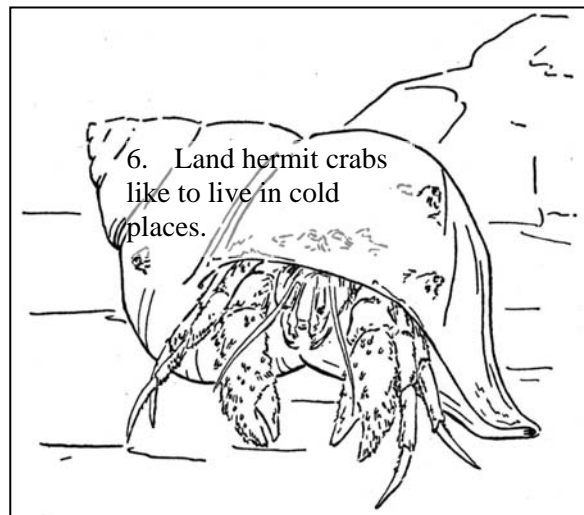
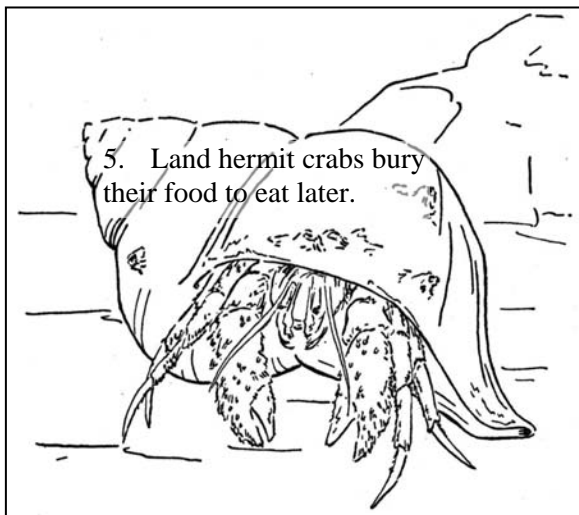
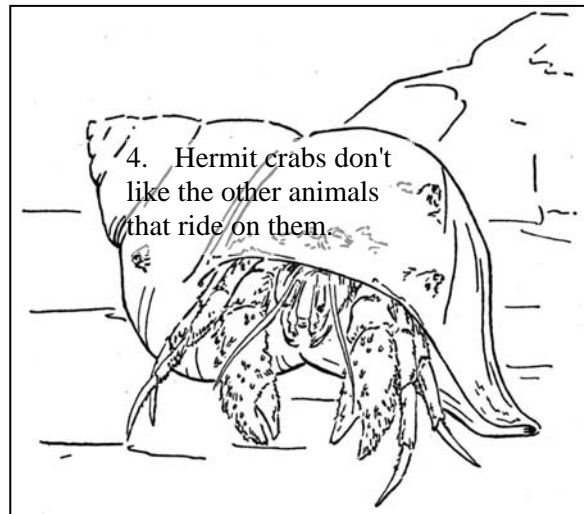
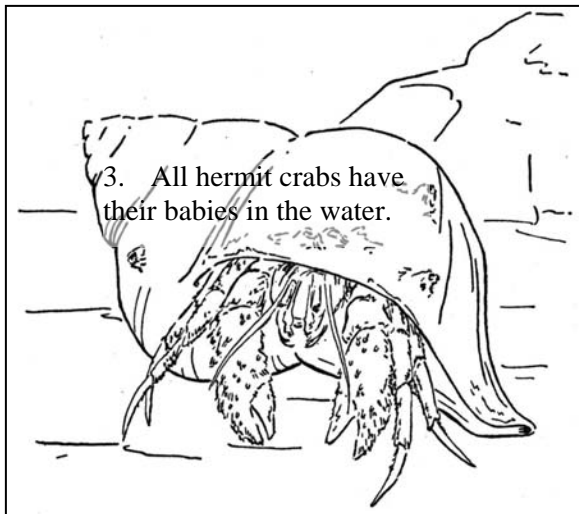
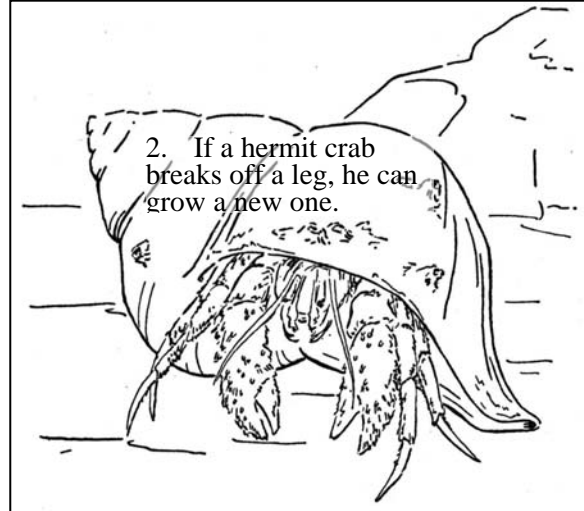
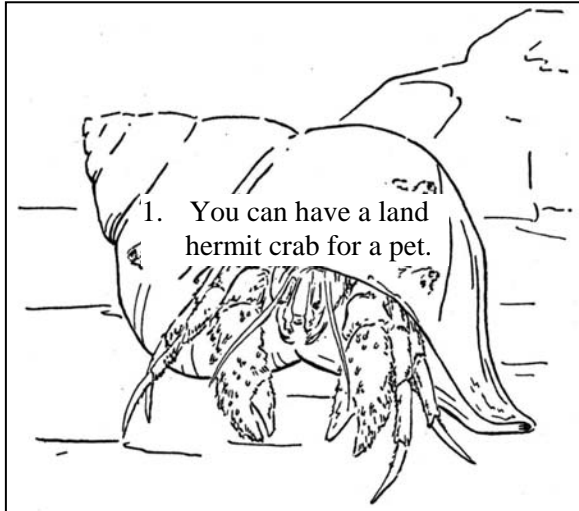
### **New Words**

1. Once the eggs hatch they float away to begin life with the \_\_\_\_\_. These are very tiny plants and animals that float in the ocean.
2. A hermit crab is an \_\_\_\_\_. That means that it eats just about anything. That includes plants and dead animals.
3. During this time they will grow. Soon they will grow into a \_\_\_\_\_. That means they look like a little worm. It has A long thin body, two big eyes, and a pointed nose.
4. Hermit Crabs shed their skin just like a snake. This is called \_\_\_\_\_. Younger hermit crabs molt more often than older crabs. That's because they are growing a lot faster.
5. Hermit Crabs are \_\_\_\_\_. That means they wake up at night. During the day they like to bury themselves in the sand and sleep.

## Color Me True

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Directions: Read the sentence on each hermit crab below. Color the hermit crab blue if the sentence is true. Color the hermit crab red if the sentence is false.



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## Word Scramble

Unscramble the words.

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| lcasw       |  |
| erd         |  |
| aldn        |  |
| oelwyl      |  |
| gels        |  |
| hrai y      |  |
| isphmr      |  |
| iasbeb      |  |
| egnre       |  |
| lelsh       |  |
| stc imbrahe |  |
| brbreo      |  |
| onwbr       |  |
| naentnea    |  |
| dep eeas    |  |

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How many words can you make using the letters from the words "Hermit Crabs"?

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|-----------|-----------|
| 1. _____  | 21. _____ |
| 2. _____  | 22. _____ |
| 3. _____  | 23. _____ |
| 4. _____  | 24. _____ |
| 5. _____  | 25. _____ |
| 6. _____  | 26. _____ |
| 7. _____  | 27. _____ |
| 8. _____  | 28. _____ |
| 9. _____  | 29. _____ |
| 10. _____ | 30. _____ |
| 11. _____ | 31. _____ |
| 12. _____ | 32. _____ |
| 13. _____ | 33. _____ |
| 14. _____ | 34. _____ |
| 15. _____ | 35. _____ |
| 16. _____ | 36. _____ |
| 17. _____ | 37. _____ |
| 18. _____ | 38. _____ |
| 19. _____ | 39. _____ |
| 20. _____ | 40. _____ |