# [Crab](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/crab/" \o "Crab):

The crab is a [type](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-type) of crustacean similar to [prawns](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/prawn/), [shrimp](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/shrimp/)and [lobster](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/lobster/). There are more than 6,700 known [species](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-species) of crab found in waters worldwide and these many crab [species](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-species) are split into around 93 different crab groups.  
  
Most crab [species](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-species) are found in the shallower [ocean](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/location/ocean/) waters where the crabs tend to inhabit rocky pools and [coral reefs](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/coral-reefs/). There are however, a number of [species](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-species) of [freshwater](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/freshwater/) crab that inhabit the waters in rivers and lakes and some [species](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-species) of tropical crab have been known to spend a great deal of time on land.  
  
Generally, crabs don't get bigger than 40 cm in [size](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-size), with the exception of the Japanese spider crab that has been known to have a leg span of over 4 meters long! The smallest [type](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-type) crab is the pea crab with this tiny [species](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-species) of crab only growing to a few millimetres.  
  
Crabs have a thick armoured shell which protects the crab from immediate danger. The crab also has two front armoured claws which the crab uses to catch its prey.  
  
The crabs hunt by sitting in a dark hole and catching potential [prey](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-prey) that swims past. This allows the crab to feed effectively as well as staying hidden from those that would want to eat the crab.

# Crab Facts:

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| [**Kingdom**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-kingdom)**:** | Animalia |
| [**Phylum**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-phylum)**:** | Arthropoda |
| [**Class**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-class)**:** | Crustacea |
| [**Order**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-order)**:** | Decapoda |
| [**Family**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-family)**:** | Brachyura |
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| [**Scientific Name**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-scientific-name)**:** | Brachyura |
| [**Type**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-type)**:** | Arthropod |
| [**Diet**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-diet)**:** | Carnivore |
| [**Size (L)**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-size)**:** | 1cm - 400cm (0.4in - 157in) |
| [**Weight**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-weight)**:** | 100g - 2,000g (3.5oz - 704oz) |
| [**Top Speed**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-top-speed)**:** | 19km/h (12mph) |
| [**Lifespan**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-lifespan)**:** | 1 - 100 years |
| [**Lifestyle**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-lifestyle)**:** | Solitary |
| [**Conservation Status**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-conservation-status)**:** | Threatened |
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| [**Colour**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-colour)**:** | Red, Brown, Orange, Blue |
| [**Skin Type**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-skin-type)**:** | Shell |
| [**Favourite Food**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-favourite-food)**:** | Shrimp |
| [**Habitat**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-habitat)**:** | Coral reefs and coastline |
| [**Average Litter Size**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-average-litter-size)**:** | 2 |
| [**Main Prey**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-prey)**:** | Shrimp, Fish, Mussels |
| [**Predators**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-predators)**:** | Birds, Otter, Octopus |
| [**Distinctive Features**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-distinctive-features)**:** | Hard, armoured shell and eight legs |

[Mongrel](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/mongrel/):

A mixed-breed [dog](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/dog/), also called a mutt, mongrel, tyke, cur, bitzer, feist or random-bred [dog](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/dog/), is a [dog](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/dog/) that has characteristics of two or more [types](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-types) of breeds, or is a descendant of [feral](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-feral) or pariah [dog](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/dog/) populations.  
  
This term, along with the term purebred [dog](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/dog/) stems from a fundamental misunderstanding of the genetics and misinterpretation of Darwinian theory, and should be viewed with the same scepticism as we view the concept of pure races in [human](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/human/) populations. The term crossbreed refers to puppies produced by the breeding technique of breeding known [dogs](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/dog/) of two different purebred [dog](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/dog/) breeds for some specific reason.  
  
The term mutt generally refers to a [dog](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/dog/) of unknown descent. [Dogs](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/dog/) interbreed freely, except where extreme variations in [size](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-size) exist, so mixed-breed [dogs](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/dog/) vary in [size](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-size), shape, and [colour](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/" \l "jump-colour), making them hard to classify physically.

Dog Facts:

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| [**Kingdom**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-kingdom)**:** | Animalia |
| [**Phylum**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-phylum)**:** | Chordata |
| [**Class**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-class)**:** | Mammalia |
| [**Order**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-order)**:** | Carnivora |
| [**Family**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-family)**:** | Canidae |
| [**Genus**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-genus)**:** | Canis |
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| [**Scientific Name**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-scientific-name)**:** | Canis lupus familiaris |
| [**Type**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-type)**:** | Mammal |
| [**Diet**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-diet)**:** | Carnivore |
| [**Size**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-size)**:** | 50cm (20in) |
| [**Weight**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-weight)**:** | 30kg (65lbs) |
| [**Top Speed**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-top-speed)**:** | 50km/h (31mph) |
| [**Lifespan**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-lifespan)**:** | 15 years |
| [**Lifestyle**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-lifestyle)**:** | Solitary |