

# HERMIT CRAB

Misunderstood Animals: #11

## Animal Type:

- ☐ Amphibian
- ☐ Bird
- ☐ Fish
- ☒ Invertebrate
- ☐ Mammal
- ☐ Reptile

## Diet:

- ☐ Herbivore
- ☐ Carnivore
- ☒ Omnivore

## Habitat:

- ☐ Desert
- ☐ Grassland
- ☐ Forest
- ☐ Polar
- ☒ Marine
- ☐ Urban
- ☒ Coastal

## Basic stats:

Number of species: More than 800

Largest: Coconut/robber crab

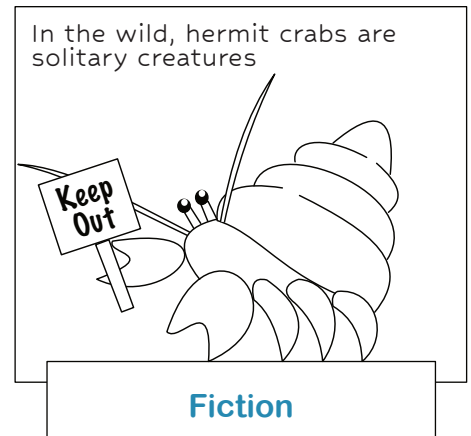
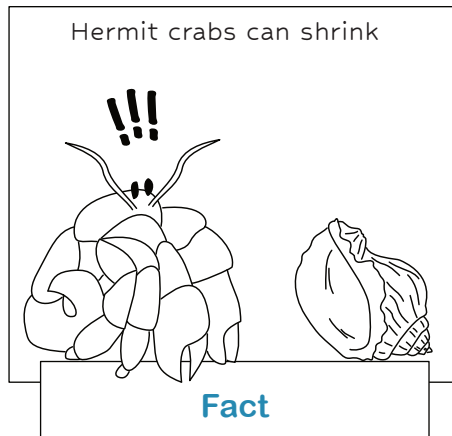
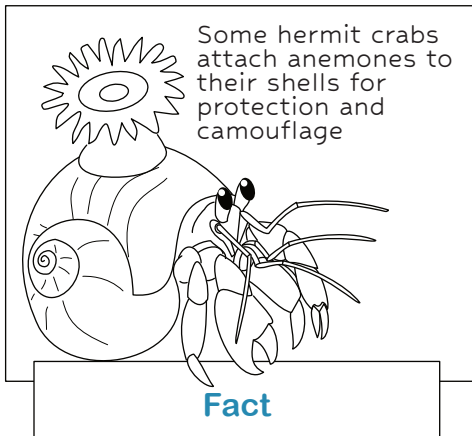
Smallest: Ecuadorian hermit crab

Number of legs: 10

Earliest fossil: Jurassic

Lifespan: Decades! Most live over 20 years, can live up to 60 years old.

## FACT OR FICTION?



## Match each feature with its corresponding function:

- 1 Large claw
- 2 Small claw
- 3 Walking legs
- 4 Antennae
- 5 Eye stalk

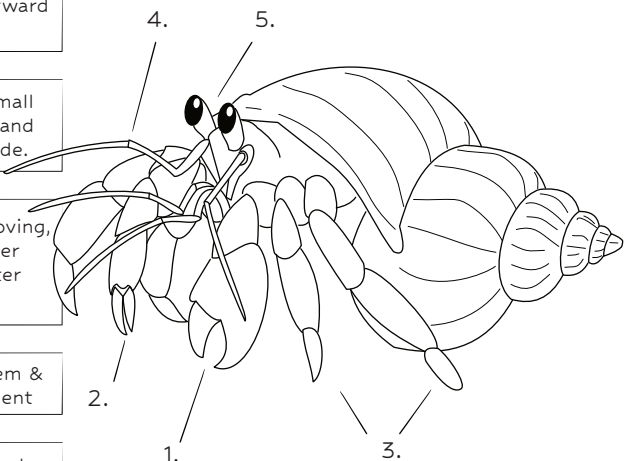
The second and third pairs of limbs are specialized for forward locomotion

Used for eating, grasping small objects, and scooping food and water. Usually on the left side.

These feelers are always moving, even during sleep! The longer pair are for touch, the shorter are for smell and taste

Ability to see all around them & detect the slightest movement

A powerful tool to hold objects, it can protect them by blocking the shell's entrance.



## Favorite Hermit Crab Fact: