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Retelling to encourage critical thinking about the content

Ask each student to retell the information report in his or her own words. Record the retelling for further discussion and reflection.

Questions to reinforce meaning and stimulate discussion

Literal

Where do crabs live?

Where are the claws on a crab?

What do sea crabs eat?

What is the biggest crab in the world?

Inferential

How do land crabs find their food?

Why does the Giant Spider Crab hide until its new shell is hard?

Why does the Pea Crab live inside a shellfish?

Why can a crab make its shell look dark at night?

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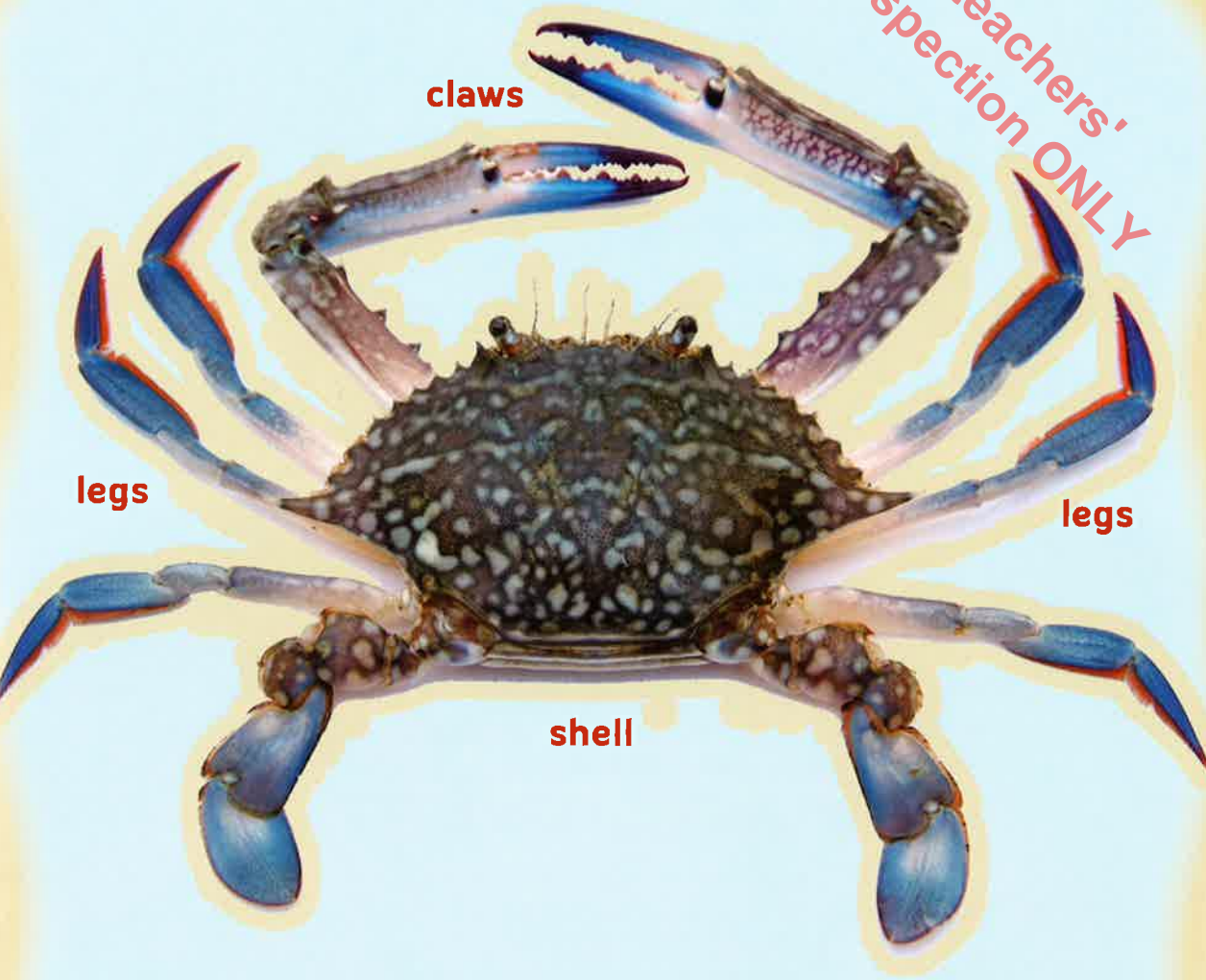
Crabs are animals that live on land and in water.

There are many kinds of crabs.
There are little crabs and big crabs.

Crabs have ten legs.
They have claws on their two front legs.



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Crabs do not have a **backbone**.
They have a very hard shell
on the outside of their bodies.

The shell helps keep their soft bodies safe.

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Where Crabs Live

Some crabs live in the sea.
They live under rocks and in seaweed.

Crabs live on sand and in rock pools
at the beach, too.





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Other crabs live in rivers and lakes.
They hunt for food in the water.

There are crabs that live on land, too.
They dig holes in soft ground.
The holes are called **burrows**.

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What Crabs Eat

Crabs eat many kinds of food.
Sea crabs eat little sea animals
and sea plants.

The Blue Swimmer Crab
likes to eat little fish and shellfish.





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Land crabs like to eat insects,
worms and other little animals.
They eat fruit, leaves and plants, too.

The Red Crab likes to eat seeds from water plants.