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Hermit Crab Needs a Bigger Shell

Circle group

A hermit crab lives in a shell. It found the shell.

The crab grows. The shell is too small.

The crab finds a new shell. It is bigger. The crab slides in. It fits!

Questions

1. Where does a hermit crab live?

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2. Did the crab find the shell or make it?

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3. What happens when the crab grows?

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4. What does the crab find?

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5. Why does the crab want a new shell?

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Words to know

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crab: a sea animal with a hard shell and claws
grow: to get bigger
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Hermit Crab Needs a Bigger Shell

Triangle group

A hermit crab lives in a shell. It did not make the shell. It found it.

The crab grows. Soon the shell is too small. It feels tight.

So the crab looks for a new shell. It finds one that is bigger. It slides in. Now it fits!

Questions

1. Where does a hermit crab live?

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2. Did the crab make the shell?

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3. What happens when the crab grows?

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4. What does the crab look for?

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Square group

A hermit crab lives inside an empty shell that it did not make. It simply found the shell and moved in.

As the crab grows bigger, its shell slowly becomes too small, and it begins to feel tight and crowded.

So the crab goes looking for a new shell that is larger. When it finds a good one, it slides right in. Now it fits perfectly!

Questions

1. Where does a hermit crab live?

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2. Did the crab make its shell, or did it find it?

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3. What happens to the shell as the crab grows bigger?

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4. What kind of shell does the crab look for?

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5. Why does the crab have to go looking for a new shell?

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For the teacher: Hermit Crab Needs a Bigger Shell

Each student sheet carries a shape, not a level. The same topic and facts, written three ways.

Circle: Hermit Crab Needs a Bigger Shell

Easier · 34 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -1.4

1. In a shell.
2. It found it.
3. The shell is too small.
4. A bigger shell.
5. It got bigger, and the old shell is too small.

Triangle: Hermit Crab Needs a Bigger Shell

This passage · 48 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -1.4

1. In a shell.
2. No, it found the shell.
3. The shell gets too small.
4. A new shell that is bigger.
5. It grew, and the old shell is too small.

Square: Hermit Crab Needs a Bigger Shell

Harder · 66 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.8

1. Inside an empty shell.
2. It did not make it. It found it.
3. It becomes too small, and the crab feels tight and crowded.
4. A larger shell.
5. The crab grew, so its old shell no longer fits.