

20 Fun Crab Facts for Little Kids

1. **Crabs have a hard shell called a shell or carapace.** This shell protects them from danger.
2. **Crabs have ten legs!** Two legs are their big claws, which they use to pick up things.
3. **Crabs walk sideways.** They move sideways because of the way their legs are shaped.
4. **Crabs live in the water and on land.** Some crabs like the ocean, and others like the beach.
5. **Crabs love to hide under rocks and shells.** This helps keep them safe.
6. **Baby crabs are called "larvae."** They look very different from grown-up crabs.
7. **Crabs use their claws to eat food.** They like to eat plants and small animals.
8. **Some crabs can swim!** But most crabs walk on the bottom of the sea.
9. **Crabs can grow new claws if they lose one.** This is called regeneration.
10. **Crabs like to clean themselves.** They use their little legs to rub and clean their shell.
11. **The biggest crabs are called Japanese spider crabs.** They have very long legs.
12. **Crabs don't have ears! But they can feel vibrations to hear around them.**
13. **Crabs use their eyes on sticks to see around them.**
14. **Crabs can live a long time, some up to 30 years!**
15. **Crabs can be many colors like red, blue, or brown.**
16. **Crabs like to walk on sandy beaches and rocky shores.**
17. **Some crabs carry their babies under their shells.**
18. **Crabs like to play hide and seek in the sand.**
19. **Crabs sometimes make little holes in the sand to live in.**
20. **Crabs are very important in nature to keep the ocean clean.**

Isn't learning about crabs fun? Now you know lots of cool things about these little sea creatures!