

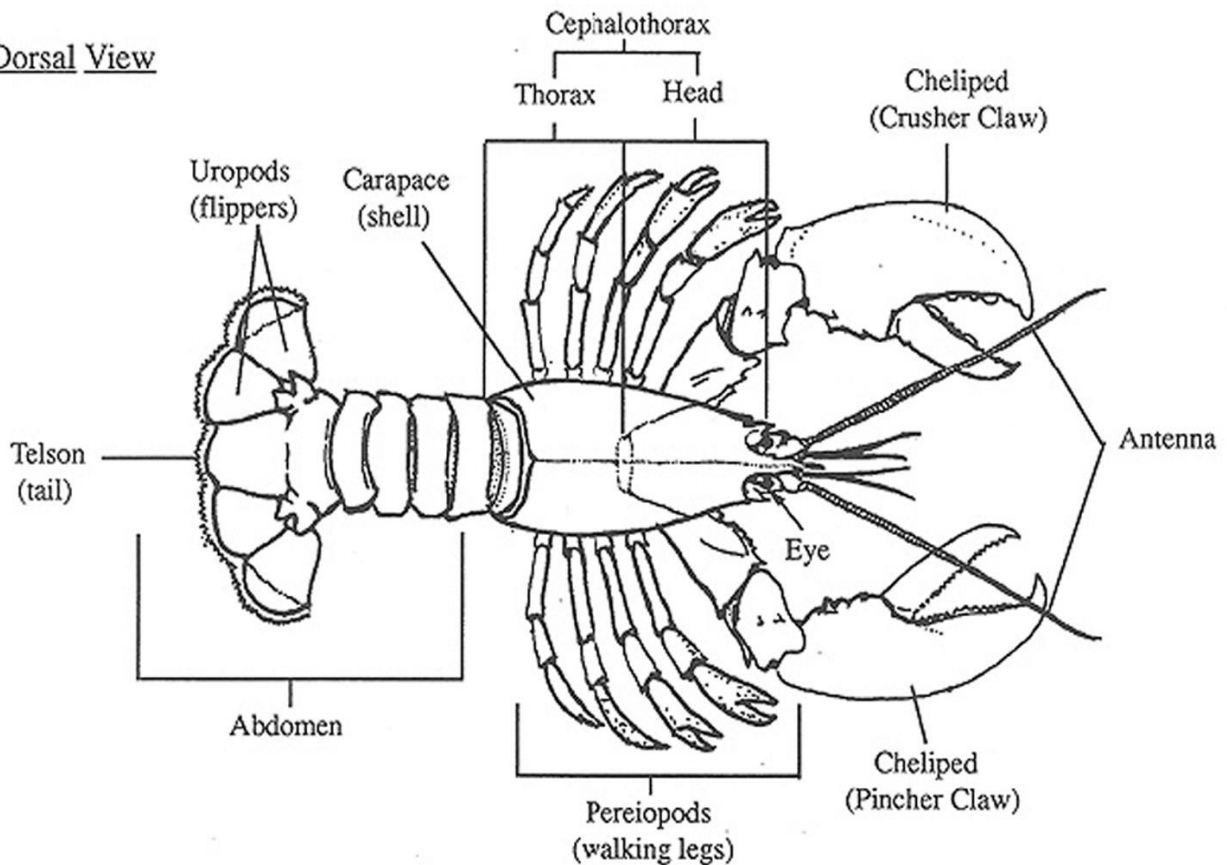
American Lobster

Homarus americanus



Lobster

Dorsal View



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Lobster Facts

- Lobsters are crustaceans with hard exoskeletons. They are soft like jello right after they molt, or shed, their shell. They have blue blood and form the basis of a \$500 million per year industry for Maine.
- Lobsters smell with their feet! Well, with the short hairs that line the pinchers on their walking legs. Can you imagine walking around smelling with your feet?
- Lobsters can regenerate, or grow back, parts of their Body – everything except their eyes, which are on stalks!
- The biggest lobster on record was over 44 pounds and caught in 1977!



- Female lobsters carry 8,000 - 100,000 eggs under their tails for 9-12 months until they are ready to hatch into larvae. That's a lot of brothers and sisters!

