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MISSION: Crustaceans



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CRUSTACEANS have some *ADAPTATIONS* that sound like science fiction. Just to name a few: they can grow a new shell when their old one is too small, grow back parts of their bodies if they lose them, and breath with gills while out of the water! Crustaceans are a group of mostly aquatic animals with exoskeletons, antennae, and usually claws. Their adaptations help them find the *RESOURCES* they need to survive and thrive in a tough ocean *ENVIRONMENT*.

Lobsters, crabs, shrimp, barnacles and even pillbugs are all crustaceans. There are over 50,000 known species! Let's take a closer look at one crustacean that has adapted to living in the rocky shore environment. Check out this [video](#) with naturalist Daryn to learn more about crustaceans and to see a lobster up close!

What color is the lobster in the video?

What do lobsters use their tails for?



Have you ever eaten lobster, touched a live lobster, or found a lobster while tide pooling? The gravelly bottom of the rocky shore provides many good hiding spots, and makes a great nursery for baby lobsters to make their homes and grow. Head to our [American Lobster](#) fact sheet to learn more about lobsters.

How long do female lobsters carry eggs?

What is the official name of a lobster's walking legs?

