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Crab or Lobster

When you think of crabs or even lobsters you may think of hard shelled creatures that are sometimes found wondering in the ocean or along the beach. Some people may even think about a tasty treat that is often found at seafood restaurants. Either one would be true. Crabs and lobsters are both aquatic animals that are an important food item for many. Crabs are pretty common all over the world, but lobsters are often a special treat that can be expensive when compared to other seafood dishes.

Crabs can be identified by very short tails and a very short abdomen that is mostly hidden by the thorax, or center part of the body. Crabs have six legs and two claws on the front of their body. Lobsters, also crustaceans, are larger with ten walking legs. The front two legs of the lobster are large claws that are huge compared to the actual animal. A crab has a unique sideways walk that makes them recognizable. Crabs and lobsters are both omnivores, they eat plants and animals. Crabs can live in oceans, freshwater, or on land in tropical areas. Lobsters are also found in the ocean. Would you eat either one?



Place an X in the correct box.

| | Crabs | Lobsters | Both |
|-----------------------|-------|----------|------|
| Found in the ocean | | | |
| Have ten walking legs | | | |
| Used as food | | | |
| Crustaceans | | | |
| Can walk sideways | | | |
| Omnivores | | | |