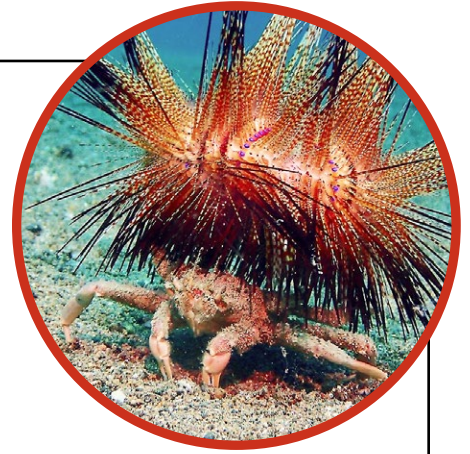


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Taxi Crab

By Lill Pluta



When Urchin rides a taxi crab,
that crab is anything but drab
since Urchin sports sharp spiky spines.
Crab for lunch? Great White declines.

While Urchin keeps their foes at bay,
he and Crab scoot far away
to find a safer feeding ground
where snacks for both are all around.

One protects. The other carries.
They are pals not adversaries.



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- b. There is a sea urchin on the crab.
- c. The shark can't grab the crab.
- d. The sea urchin will attach itself to the shark's fins.

2. How does the crab help the sea urchin?

3. How does the sea urchin help the crab?

4. Reread the last line of the poem.

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Are the underlined words synonyms, antonyms, or homophones? _____

5. The crab and the sea urchin have a symbiotic relationship. What does this mean?

- a. The crab and the sea urchin help each other survive.
- b. The crab and the sea urchin compete against each other.
- c. The crab and the sea urchin communicate with each other.
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1.

n c u
r h i

clue: marine animal with a shell covered in spikes

2.

r b
a d

clue: dull; not exciting

3.

c e e i
d n l s

clue: politely refuses

4.

t o s
c o s

clue: moves quickly

5.

e s
o f

clue: enemies

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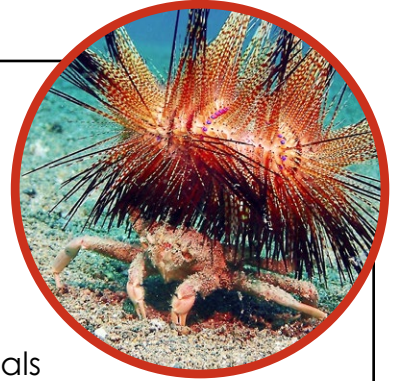
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clue: friends

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In the poem "Taxi Crab" by Lill Pluta, you learned about two animals that have a symbiotic relationship.

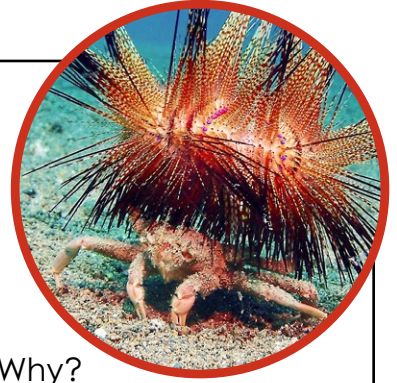
With a teacher or parent, use the Internet to search for two other animals that have a symbiotic relationship. Tell what the animals are and how they help each other.

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ANSWER KEY

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The sea urchin attached to the crab, and the crab moves around.

This helps the urchin find food.

3. How does the sea urchin help the crab?

The sea urchin has spikes, which protect the crab from predators.

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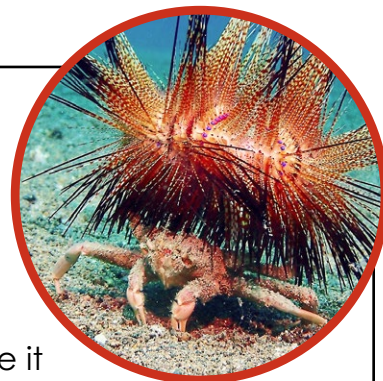
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