

# Cartoon Creator Example

**About 500 MILLION YEARS  
AGO ...**

Life's good with an  
exoskeleton and jointed  
appendages!



**ARTHROPODS**, including ancestors of crabs, centipedes, spiders, and insects evolved in the ocean.

**MILLIONS OF YEARS LATER ...**

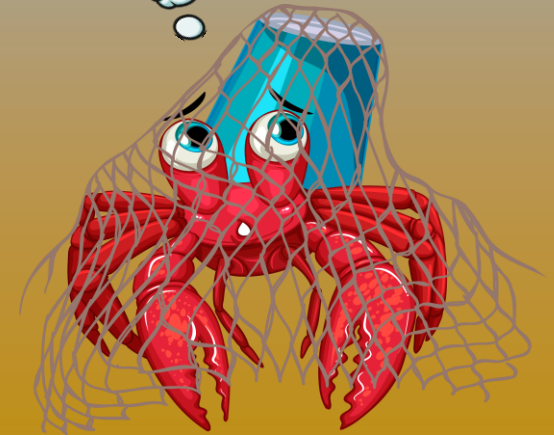
Now they'll  
**NEVER** find me!



Ancestors of modern **HERMIT CRABS** hide in found gastropod shells. They are less likely to be eaten than crabs that do not use shells, so they pass on their genes.

**TODAY ...**

**HEELLP!**



Hermit crabs still have the evolved behavioral adaptation to use found objects for homes. Unfortunately, they now often find more trash than shells. **HOW COULD YOU HELP?**