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Hermit Crab has outgrown his shell. When he moves into a new, bigger one, he realizes that it is very plain. He enlists the help of other sea creatures to help him decorate his new home.

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A House for Hermit Crab

Have you ever had to move? Find out what happens when Hermit Crab moves into his new home.

Math Connections: Use this book to introduce:

Growing Time (months of the year)

Activities to do Together:

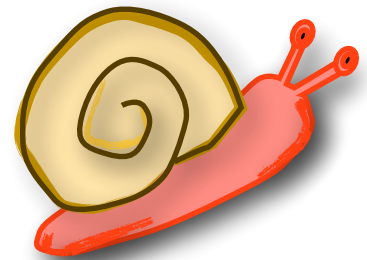
- Count the number of sea creatures in the story.
- Talk to your child about time, patterns, cycles, and routines related to time.
- Talk with your child about the order in which the hermit crab decorates his shell.
- Predict what will happen after the end of the story when Hermit Crab needs to get a new shell.

Extension Questions:

1. Are you growing? How can you tell?
2. Hermit Crab asked a lot of creatures to help him decorate his house. Who would you ask to help you decorate your house? Why?
3. How many things does Hermit Crab have on his shell at the end? Let's count!
4. What happened at the beginning of this story? What happened at the end? How are the beginning and the end of the story similar?

Vocabulary for Building Math Concepts:

too big, big, January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December



Early Math Project Resources:

[Hermit Crab Line Up with answer key](#) (English)
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[Cangrejo ermitaño en fila clave de respuestas](#)
(Spanish)
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(Spanish)
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Online Resources:

Official Eric Carle Web Site <http://www.eric-carle.com/home.html>

Also available in: Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Dutch, Finnish, French, German, and Italian

Related Books: *The Napping House* by Audrey Wood, *Even an Octopus Needs a Home* by Irene Kelly, *Even an Ostrich Needs a Nest* by Irene Kelly

