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THE SHORE CRAB, *Carcinus maenas*, is common in rock pools, and measures up to 14 cm across. It is primarily a scavenger and an omnivore.

### SHORE CRAB

Haw, Jimmy, dinnae mess wi me.  
Fancy yer chances, eh? Eh? We'll see.  
Naw, they dinnae caw  
me Shug the Claw  
fer naethin. 'Mon, square go then. 'Srang,  
ye feart? Ahve taen a hail gang  
o the likes o ye at wance.  
Dinny reckon yer chance  
noo, eh? When ye get tae hell  
ah'll be waitin there fer ye. Caw  
me a scroonger, eh? Aye, awa  
an rin ti yer maw  
ya wimp! Mind o Shug the Claw.