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Crabs grow by shedding their old hard shell several times during their lives. A new shell is already waiting underneath, but it is soft at first. Right after molting, crabs are very vulnerable, so they often hide beneath rocks or inside narrow crevices until their new shell hardens. The old shell remains on the shore as an empty exoskeleton and can look surprisingly similar to a living crab. The new shell gradually becomes hard again as the crab absorbs minerals from seawater and its food. Molting is an essential part of a crab's life because it is the only way a crab can continue to grow.

