

OCEAN LIFE  
UP CLOSE

# Lobsters





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**Blastoff! Readers** are carefully developed by literacy experts and combine standards-based content with developmentally appropriate text.

**Level 1** provides the most support through repetition of high-frequency words, light text, predictable sentence patterns, and strong visual support.

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Whichever book is right for your reader, Blastoff! Readers are the perfect books to build confidence and encourage a love of reading that will last a lifetime!

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# What Are Lobsters?

A detailed photograph of an American lobster resting on a rocky seabed. The lobster's body is covered in a mottled pattern of green, yellow, and brown spots. Its large, powerful claws are prominent, with the inner edges showing a reddish-orange hue. The surrounding environment is a dark, textured underwater landscape with various rocks and small marine organisms.

American  
lobster

Lobsters are **crustaceans** known for their hard outer shells and long tails.

## Other Crustaceans



barnacles



crabs



shrimp



leg

These animals have ten legs. They use them to walk on the bottom of the ocean.

# Species Spotlight

## AMERICAN LOBSTER

**life span:**  
up to 100 years

**depth range:**  
3 to 2,297 feet  
(1 to 700 meters)



**American lobster range =** 



**conservation status:** least concern



Lobsters are found near the shores of many oceans. They often live in water less than 165 feet (50 meters) deep.

Most lobsters live on rocky or weedy ocean floors. There, they have places to hide.



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