

CATS AND CRABS



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Deb calls for her cat to
come in from the yard.

The cat will not come.

So Deb goes to see.



The cat has found a
hole in the soil.

Who has made it?



Ah. It is a crab.

It has a flat shell
and big claws.





Deb thinks the crab
might need a meal.

So she gives it some
of the cat's food.



It is not a toy.

She must take care
not to get a nip.



Next time Deb looks, there
are a lot of small crabs.

The crab is a mum now.



Deb keeps all the
small crabs moist.

They do like to be
wet.



Then one day,
all the crabs
got out.



Deb tries to pick
them up and put
them back.





But the small
crabs dig so
fast in the soil.



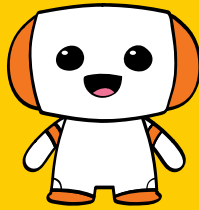
Soon they are gone.

'I think they like the
cool holes,' Deb says.



She puts the mum
crab back in to the
soil too.

She can stay moist
on her own.



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