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**H**ello everyone!

You all probably know that a story needs a beginning middle and end. But did you know that a story also needs what's called an inciting incident? This means that something out of the ordinary has to happen in your main character's everyday life which propels them on a new and challenging path. This is the moment when your story really begins.

What I want you to do is write down or draw, or both write and draw 5 out-of-the-ordinary events that might happen to your main character.

**This month's main character is a hermit crab.**

And here's an amazing fact about these cute creatures.

Hermit crabs need to find empty shells as they grow. With some species when a crab finds a new empty shell it will leave its own shell and inspect the empty one. If the shell is too big, the crab goes back to its own shell and waits for up to 8 hours. More crabs arrive who also inspect the empty shell. If it's too big for them they wait with the others. Up to 20 crabs could be waiting in the group. They hold onto each other in a line from the largest to the smallest crab. Then when a crab arrives that's just the right size for the empty shell it leaves its old shell behind. That's when all the crabs in the queue quickly exchange shells in order, each one moving up to the next size.



Now it's your turn. What happens to your crab? Remember to be as original and inventive as you can.

**Gabi x**