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Taxi Crab

By Lill Pluta



When Urchin rides a taxi crab,
that crab is anything but drab
since Urchin sports sharp spiky spines.
Crab for lunch? Great White declines.

While Urchin keeps their foes at bay,



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n	c	u
r	h	i

clue: marine animal with a shell covered in spikes



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4.

t	o	s
c	o	s

clue: moves quickly

5.

e	s
o	f

clue: enemies

6.

s	l
p	a

clue: friends

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In the poem "Taxi Crab" by Lill Pluta, you learned about two animals that have a symbiotic relationship.

With a teacher or parent, use the Internet to search for two other animals that have a symbiotic relationship. Tell what the animals are and how they help each other.



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