



Crab Quiz: Secondary

Circle The Correct Answer

1. Which stage of the European green crab's lifecycle allows it to spread the furthest?

- a. Adult
- b. Egg
- c. Zoeal/larval stage
- d. Whenever they have a mid-life crisis

2. Where is the European green crab native to?

- a. Poland
- b. India
- c. Atlantis
- d. Europe & Northern Africa

3. What is the scientific name for the European green crab?

- a. European green
- b. Crabicus
- c. Carcinus maenas
- d. Eelgrass destroyer
- e. Caricus meanie

4. What's the best way to identify the European green crab?

- a. Number of "spines" between the eye and the outer edge of the shell
- b. Their green colour
- c. They pinch extra hard
- d. Their stylish Euro-shells

5. European green crabs destroy eelgrass. Why is eelgrass such an important species to BC ecosystems?

- a. It reduces soil erosion
- b. It creates nurseries for juvenile salmon
- c. It provides protection from predators
- d. It stores carbon
- e. All of these answers are correct

6. How many "spines" does the European green crab have between the eye and the outer edge of the shell?

- a. 5
- b. 4
- c. 2
- d. 3



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7. Are European green crabs always green?

- a. Yes
- a. No

8. Which crab species is not native to British Columbia?

- a. Purple shore crab
- b. European green crab
- c. Northern kelp crab
- d. Dungeness crab

9. European green crabs have lots of babies and can live in different water salinities. What other characteristics allows them to spread?

- a. They are excellent long-distance swimmers
- b. They can travel long distances on currents
- c. They hitch rides on boats
- d. They are 'shellfish' and only think of themselves

10. How do European green crabs harm the environment?

- a. They destroy eelgrass habitats
- a. They eat our native crabs
- a. They eat our native bivalves
- a. All of these answers are correct

11. How can you help stop European green crab from spreading?

- a. Learn more about them and my environment
- b. Report if I see one
- c. Tell my friends about what I have learned
- d. All of these are ways to help

1.C 2.D 3.C 4.A 5.E 6.A 7.B
8.B 9.B 10.D 11.D

Answers