



**OCEAN
OBSERVATORY**
BERWICKSHIRE



VELVET SWIMMING CRAB - WORKSHEET

Complete this worksheet to test your observation skills.
Re-watch the video, and re-read the fact file if you need to.

Have you got what it takes to be an ocean explorer?

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

1. What species is shown approaching the bait cage in this video? How do you know?
(hint: use the ID guide to help)

2. What two species do you see on the rocks in this video?

3. What is the velvet swimming crab's nickname? (hint: it has two)

4. What is the deepest depth you might find a velvet swimming crab living at? What do
you think the conditions might be like at this depth?

5. How do velvet swimming crabs hunt and catch their prey?

6. Draw a diagram on the back of this sheet and label the features that a velvet
swimming crab uses to hunt. (hint: there are two key features)

7. How else do velvet swimming crabs feed?

8. What sort of skeleton does a velvet swimming crab have?

9. How do velvet swimming crabs grow?

10. Why are velvet swimming crabs vulnerable while they are growing?

