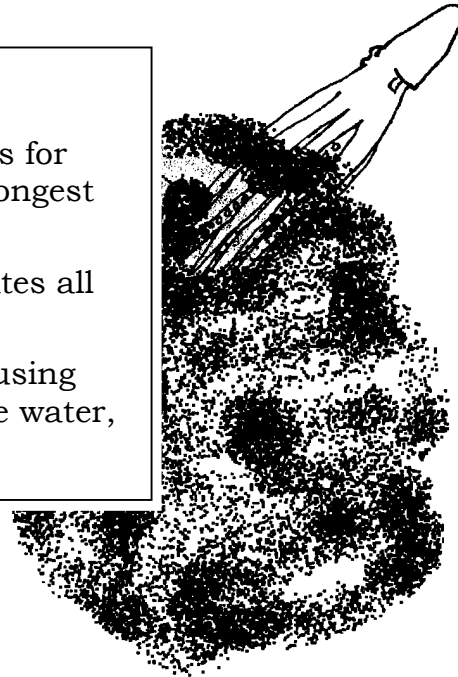


Endless Rhythm of an Old, Old Sea

Key Concepts

1. Competition among male hermit crabs for available mates means that only the strongest or most clever successfully reproduce.
2. The instinct of reproduction perpetuates all species.
3. An octopus can escape predators by using its siphon to jet-propel itself through the water, and by squirting “ink”.



Teaching Hints

Read chapter 20 of *Pagoo* with students.

Chapter Summary

Just as the octopus is going to eat Pagoo, a Moray Eel clips off the tentacle that is holding him. The Moray Eel snips off one more tentacle before the octopus squirts its protective ink and retreats to its cave. Pagoo luckily escapes. He becomes an adult, finds a mate, and a new generation is born. The life cycle of the hermit crab begins again.

Key Word

life cycle - a series of stages through which an organism passes during its lifetime