

Morning Starters: Spring 2 - Mischievous Animals

Word Challenge

Make a list of adjectives that end in the suffix ‘-ous’ that could be used to describe a coconut crab or its behaviour.

Example:

mysterious

Help: You’ll find lots of ‘-ous’ ending adjectives in the ‘Did You Know?’ paragraph.

Grammar Challenge

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Rewrite the sentence below, using different adjectives to those underlined.

They use their powerful claws to grab shiny or colourful objects, mistaking them for scrumptious food.

Did You Know?

On Christmas Island, coconut crabs are notorious for their mischievous thieving habits. These enormous crustaceans often occupy themselves by stealing items like sandals, knives, and cameras. They use their powerful claws to grab shiny or colourful objects, mistaking them for scrumptious food. Their curious behaviour makes them both a nuisance and a marvellous part of island life.

Where in the world is Christmas Island? Click the [!\[\]\(b4eeff342f60cc7bcd67d869b4fedca2_img.jpg\)](#)



Credit: BBC One - Animals Behaving Badly

Number Challenge

On Christmas Island, a tall palm tree stands 60 metres high. A coconut crab has already climbed three twelfths of the way up the trunk.

How many more metres does the crab need to climb to reach the top of the tree?

Critical Thinking

Crabtastic!

Would you like to be a crab for a day? Why? Why not?

