

Salt Marsh Exploration Worksheet Grades K-2 Answer Key: Have You Met the Fiddler Crab?

Identification:

Q: Circle the male (boy) fiddler crab.

A: Student should: circle the crab on the left.

Q: What part of the male (boy) fiddler crab is different than the female (girl) fiddler crab?

A: Student should say: That the claw is different.

Student may specify that: male crabs have a larger claw.

Habitat:

Q: Where do fiddler crabs live?

A: Student should: circle the saltmarsh habitat.

Q: What is your habitat?

A: Student answer could contain any of the following: house, home, apartment, New York, New York City

Q: What are three things all living things need in their habitats?

A: Student should answer, in any order: 1. Food 2. Water 3. Shelter

Estuaries:

Q: What kind of water is in the Hudson River?

A: Student should answer: Freshwater

Q: What kind of water is in the Atlantic Ocean?

A: Student should answer: Saltwater

Q: What kind of water is around New York City?

A: Student should answer: Brackish water

Vocabulary:

Male - boy/man.

Female - girl/woman.

Habitat - A place where a living thing (plant, animal, or fungus) lives.

Estuary - The place where freshwater and saltwater mix to make brackish water.

Freshwater - Water with no salt.

Saltwater - Water with salt.

Brackish water - Water that has a mix of freshwater and saltwater.

Saltmarsh - A type of wetland in an estuary. Saltmarshes have water, land, and plants. The main type of plant in a saltmarsh is grass.

Additional Resources:

[Fiddler Crabs- Chesapeake Bay Program](#)

[What are Estuaries- NOAA Video](#)