

What's This? Packs a Punch

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In order to eat, predators must first strike, bite, or poison their prey. And no other animal strikes faster than the **mantis shrimp**.

This tropical shellfish punches prey with a pair of limbs it keeps folded under its body. When released, these spring-loaded weapons swing at speeds up to 50 miles (80 kilometers) per hour. The force is strong enough to shatter shells and sometimes even aquarium glass. Some mantis shrimp arms are tipped with spines for lightning-quick stabbing.

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1. What must predators do in order to eat?

2. Describe how the mantis shrimp strikes its prey.

Support your answer with at least two pieces of information from the text.

3. What is the main idea of this text?