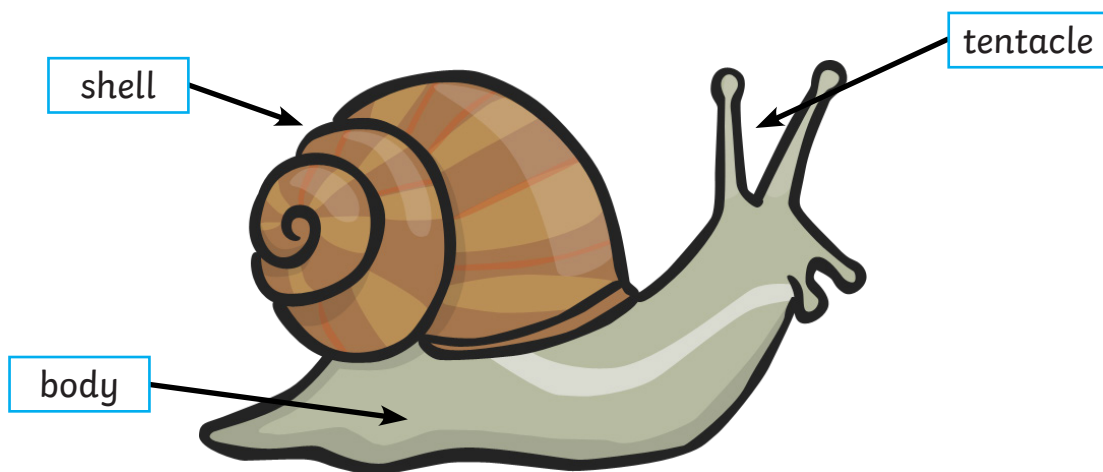


Snails

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You can find them in your garden at night-time or when it has been raining. Snails like it when the ground is wet.



Slime

Snails make slime underneath their bodies. This slime helps them to slide across the ground without hurting their soft bodies.

Did You Know?

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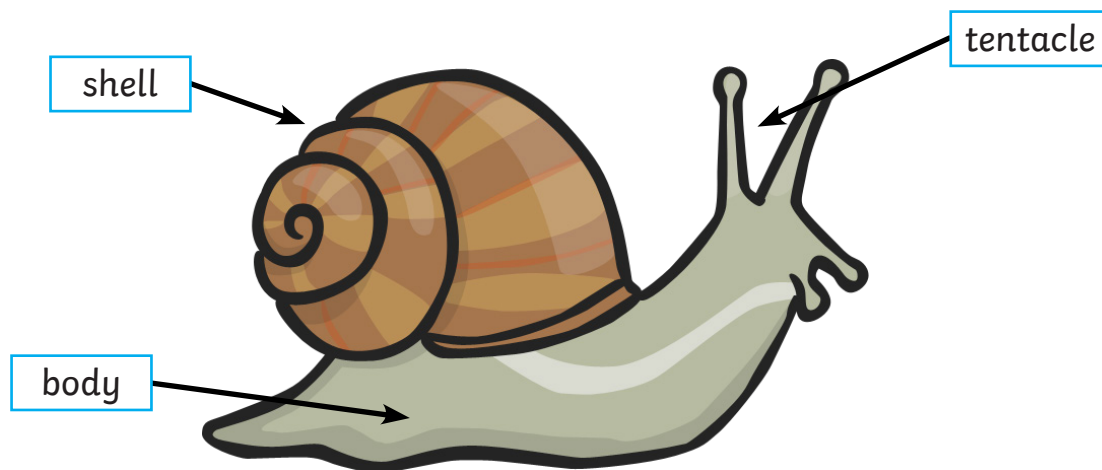
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What does a snail look like?



Why Does a Snail Have a Shell?

Snails have a shell on their back and it is their home. They hide in their shells from predators, such as birds.

Why Does a Snail Have Tentacles?

Snails have two sets of tentacles. Their eyes are on the top set and they also smell through these. The bottom set are used to touch and taste things.

Why Does a Snail Leave a Slime Trail?

Snails produce slime underneath their bodies. This slime helps them to slide across rough ground without getting hurt. You can spot where a snail has been by looking for the shiny trail.

Did You Know?

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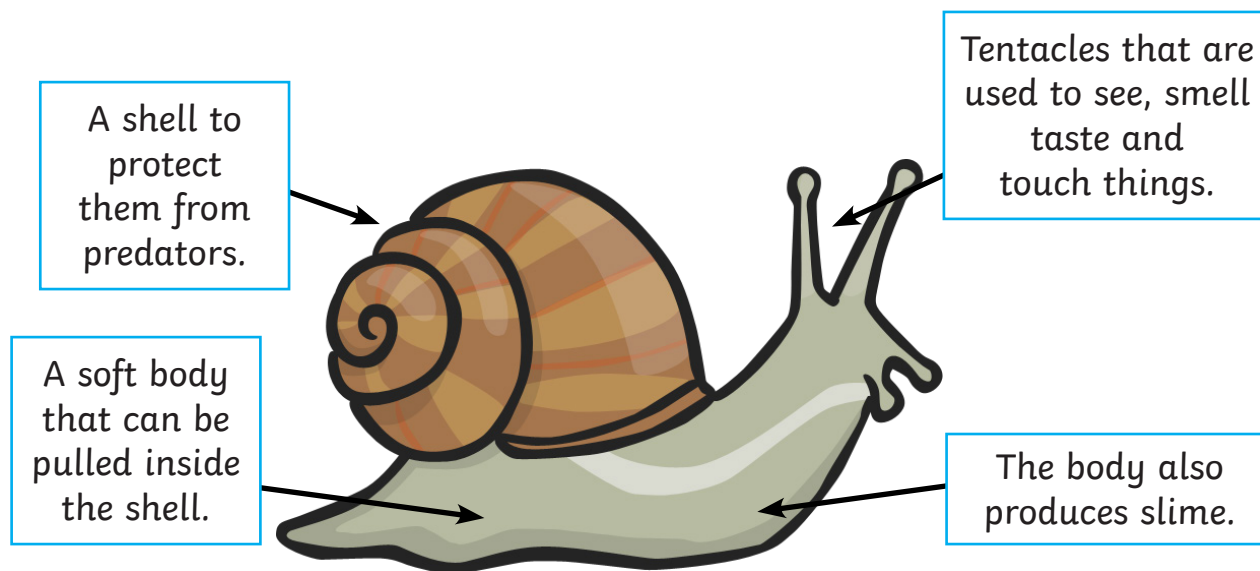
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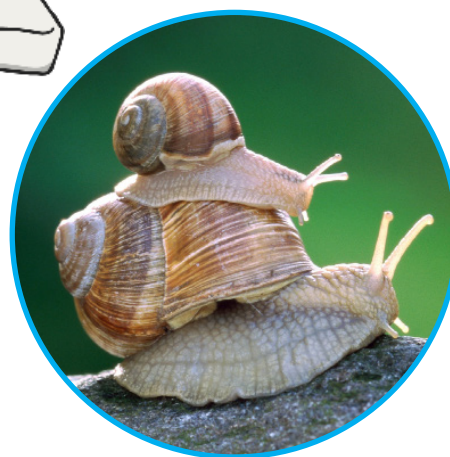
Snails are fascinating creatures. They are part of the mollusc family. Other molluscs include squid, octopus and slugs. Molluscs are invertebrates. This means they have no backbone.

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Fine Dining

In some parts of the world, snails are considered a tasty delicacy and can be ordered from the menu in restaurants.



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Snails use their tentacles to see, smell, taste and touch things around them.

6. Some people do not like eating snails. Why do you think this is?

Children's own responses, such as: I think some people do not like eating snails because they look like they would be slimy; I think some people do not like eating snails because they look like they would taste bad; I think some people do not like eating snails because they can be found under rocks in our gardens.