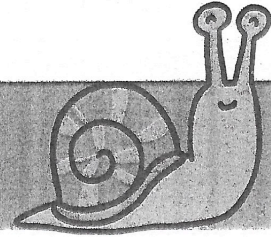
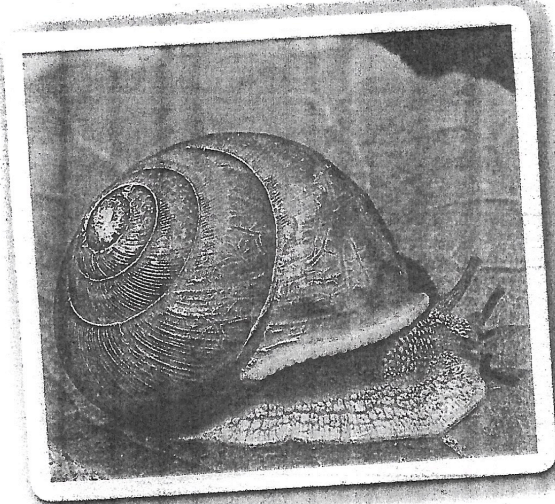


All about...

Snails



There are thousands of species of snails across the world including land snails, sea snails and freshwater snails. Snails belong to a group of animals with a soft body called 'molluscs'. A snail has a long, slimy, soft body with a hard shell on its back.



Fascinating Facts

Snails' ancestors are one of the earliest known types of animals in the world. They lived almost 500 million years ago.

The largest land snail recorded was just over 30cm long.

The bottom of a snail's body is called its 'foot'; there are muscles inside the foot. When the muscles work the foot moves, allowing the snails to move about.

Where Do They Live?

As snails can be found all over the world, they live in many different places and habitats. Some snails can be found in the desert, although they prefer humid places rather than dry heat, whilst others prefer colder temperatures. Snails don't tend to live in just one place as they carry their homes on their backs. They do like it in the shade though, where it is cooler. Some snails also live in water, such as the sea.

What Do They Eat?

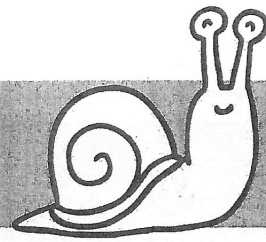
Snails eat a variety of things, which will depend on where they live. Foods they like include plants, fruit, vegetables and algae.

Staying Safe

Snails have a shell which keeps them safe. If a snail is disturbed or feels threatened it will disappear inside its shell. Some snails can also create a frothy trail which predators such as birds do not like and so it will stop an attack.

Questions about...

Snails



Answer the questions below in full sentences.

1. What do snails look like?

2. Where do snails live?

3. What do they like to eat?

4. How do snails stay safe?

5. What was the length of the largest snail ever recorded?

6. What is the bottom of a snail's body called?

7. How do snails move about?
