

# Snails

There are thousands of different snails across the world including land snails, sea snails and freshwater snails. A snail has a long, slimy, soft body with a hard shell on its back.

## Fascinating Facts

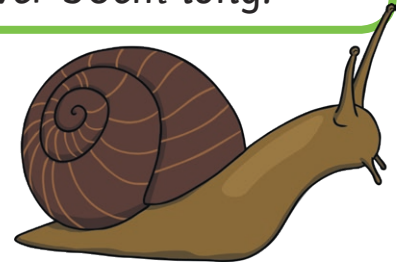
Snails are one of the earliest known types of animals in the world.

They lived almost 500 million years ago.

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

## Where Do They Live?

Snails live in many different places. Some can be found in the desert whilst others prefer colder temperatures. Snails don't tend to live in just one place as they carry their homes on their backs. Some snails live on land, while others 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 scared it will disappear inside its shell. Some snails can also create a slimy trail which animals, such as birds, do not like and so it will stop an attack.

# Questions

Answer the questions below in full sentences.

1. What do snails look like? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Where do snails live? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. What do they like to eat? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Why don't snails tend to live in just one place? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. What does a snail do if it is scared? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. What was the length of the largest snail ever recorded? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. How many years have snails been on the earth? \_\_\_\_\_

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