

Snails

Snail facts

Snails and slugs are molluscs. (Molluscs have soft, slimy, boneless bodies.) There are land snails and slugs, sea snails and sea slugs, and freshwater snails. Normally, a snail's soft body is protected by a hard shell. Slugs also have a shell, but it can be very small or inside their body. The largest land snail is the Giant African Snail which can be over 30 cm long. As snails move they leave behind slime. Snails move very slowly, don't hear, and do not see very well, but have a good sense of smell. Snails are eaten in many countries such as France, Greece and Italy. Snails are nocturnal animals which means they are most active at night.

Do you know any more interesting facts about snails?



Writing

Choose whether each sentence ends in a question mark (?) or a full stop (.).

- Snails move very slowly
- How many snails did you find
- Snails do not like salt
- Do you like snails
- Snails eat plants
- Snails have a hard shell
- Can you see the snail slime

Spiral design

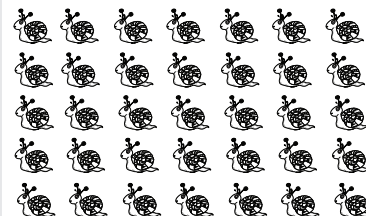
When a snail senses danger it puts its whole body into its shell.

Most snail shells have a spiral design. Create an interesting spiral design or pattern that is based on a snail shell.



Number Crunchers

How many snails altogether?



- 2 groups of 5 =
- 4 groups of 5 =
- 7 groups of 5 =
- 6 groups of 5 =
- 9 groups of 5 =
- 8 groups of 5 =

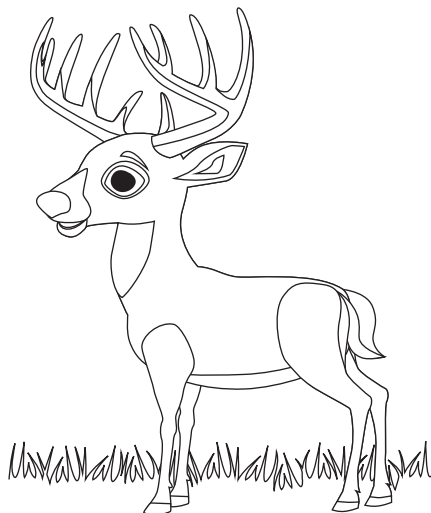
- 5+5+5 =
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There are 5 snails in each bucket. There are 30 snails altogether. How many buckets are there?

Slow or fast?

Circle the animals that move slowly.

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| tortoise | deer |
| hare | horse |
| snail | sloth |
| cheetah | starfish |



Draw one 'slow' animal and one 'fast' animal.

