

Slugs and Snails

Misunderstood Animals: #9

Animal Type:

- ☐ Amphibian
- ☐ Bird
- ☐ Fish
- ☒ Invertebrate
- ☐ Mammal
- ☐ Reptile

Diet:

- ☒ Herbivore
- ☒ Carnivore
- ☒ Omnivore

Habitat:

- ☒ Desert
- ☒ Grassland
- ☒ Forest
- ☐ Polar
- ☒ Marine

Basic stats:

Number of species of gastropods: 65,000 +

Largest snail: Syrinx aruanus, Australian trumpet

Smallest snail: Angustopila psammion

Oldest fossil: Late Cambrian

Most poisonous: Conus geographus

Largest North American slug: Banana slug

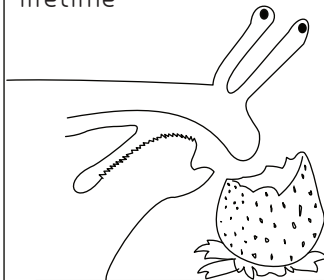
FACT OR FICTION?

Pollination done by snails is called malacophily



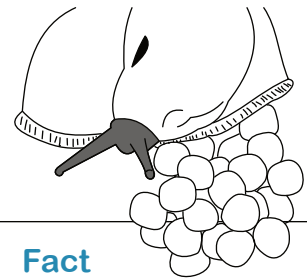
Fact

Like sharks, Slugs and snails can have thousands of teeth in a lifetime



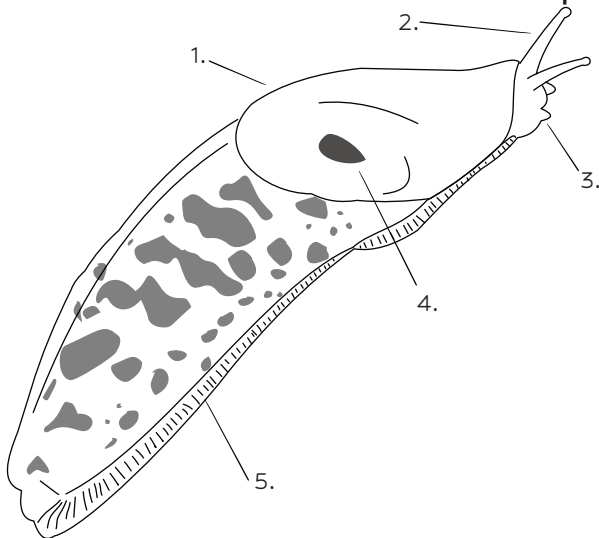
Fact

A single slug or snail lays up to 100 eggs several times each year, accumulating up to 90,000 descendants during its lifetime



Fact

Match each feature with its corresponding function:



- 1 Mantle
- 2 Upper Tentacles
- 3 Lower Tentacles
- 4 Pneumatophore
- 5 Foot

Allows air to enter the mantle cavity, which acts as a lung.

Enables the slug to move by making rhythmic waves of muscular contraction while secreting mucus

Protects internal organs and may house a vestigial shell

How the slug sees and smells its surroundings

How the slug tastes things

Favorite Slug or Snail Fact: