

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: _____

Largest snail: _____

Smallest snail: _____

Oldest fossil: _____

Most poisonous: _____

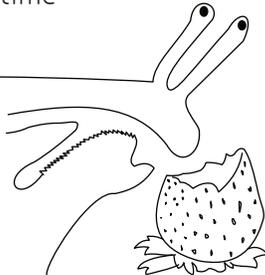
Largest North American slug: _____

FACT OR FICTION?

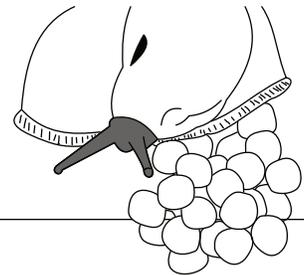
Pollination done by snails is called malacophily



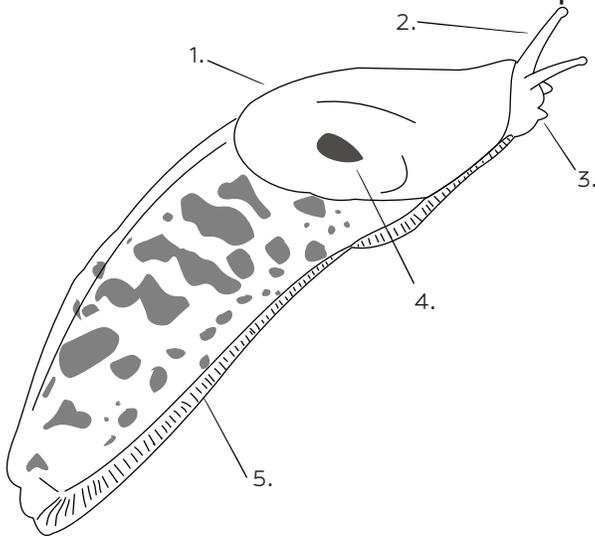
Like sharks, Slugs and snails can have thousands of teeth in a lifetime



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



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: