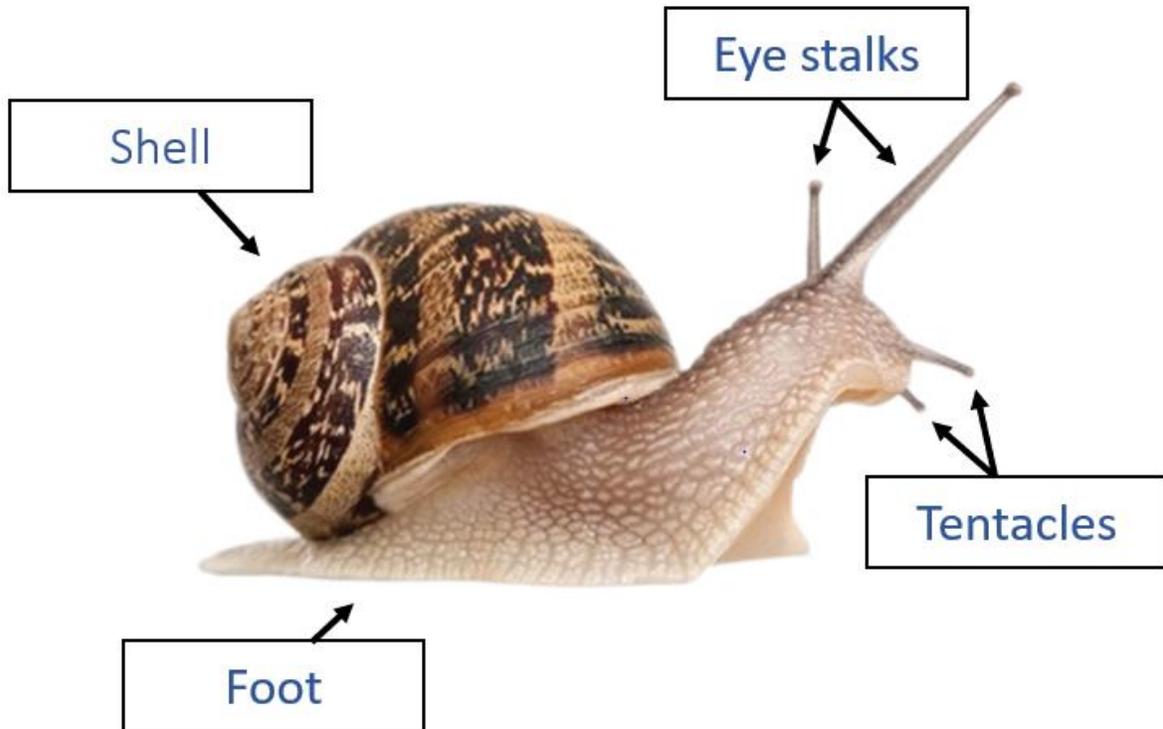


## Snails Worksheet: Grades 3 - 4 Answer Key

Q: Label the parts of the snail in the picture below.

A:



Q: What kind of animal is a snail?

A: **Student can answer either:** gastropod or invertebrate.

Q: List 3 places snails can live.

A: **Student answer can contain any of the following:** land, ocean, river, lake, stream, freshwater, or garden.

**Q:** List 2 things a snail's shell helps protect them from.

**A: Student answer can contain any of the following:** heat, sun, wind, predators, birds, insects, reptiles, mammals, fish, or crabs.

**Q:** Snails are herbivores; what do they eat?

**A: Student can answer:** plants or parts of plants.

**Q:** Write down 3 organic (living) things and 3 inorganic (nonliving) things that you might find where a snail lives.

**A: For organic things, students can answer:** snails, birds, insects, reptiles, mammals, fish, crabs, plants, mushrooms, or any other living thing that might be found in a snail's habitat.

**For inorganic things, students can answer:** water, air, sun, rocks, sand, or any other nonliving thing that might be found in a snail's habitat.

**Q:** Have you ever seen a snail? Write about the time you saw one! Or write about what you would and would not do if you saw one.

**A: This is a free response where students can be creative. They should indicate that:** they would be careful around snails or handle with care.

**They should also indicate that:** they would never purposely put salt on a snail.

## **Vocabulary:**

**Herbaceous** - An animal that only eats plants or plant parts.

**Habitat** - A place where a plant or animal lives. All good habitats contain food, water, and shelter.

**Organic** - Anything that is or was alive (living).

**Inorganic** - Anything that is not alive and has never been alive (nonliving).

**Invertebrate** - An animal with no backbone

**Gastropod** - A type of animal with a soft body and one shell. They use a foot to move. Snails and whelks are gastropods.

**Mucus** - Slimy liquid that a snail uses to glide on surfaces keep from drying out. This is the same type of liquid as when you have a runny nose.

**Foot** - The muscular body a snail uses to move.

**Eye stalks** - The tentacles with eyes on the end that a snail uses to see.

**Lifecycle** - A series of changes in an organism's life. In a snail's life, their lifecycle consists of hatching from eggs, being a baby snail, becoming an adult snail, mating with another snail, and laying eggs to have more baby snails.

**Niche** - The role of the living thing (plant, animal, or fungus) in an ecosystem.

**Ecosystem** - The interaction of living things and nonliving things.



## **Additional Resources:**

[Academic Kids Encyclopedia Entry: Gastropod](#)

[Kids Soup Snail Activities, Crafts, and Lesson Plans](#)

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