



ANIMALS OF THE WORLD

Snails and Other Mollusks

What do snails eat? Which snails don't have shells? Why does an octopus squirt ink? Read *Snails and Other Mollusks* to find out!

What did you learn?

QUESTIONS

1. An example of an animal that does not prey on snails is a ...
 - a. Rabbit
 - b. Snake
 - c. Frog
 - d. Bird
2. The queen conch can lay over ...
 - a. 200,000 eggs at a time
 - b. 300,000 eggs at a time
 - c. 400,000 eggs at a time
 - d. 500,000 eggs at a time
3. A pearl starts as a ...
 - a. Sand dollar
 - b. Grain of sand
 - c. Diamond
 - d. Leaf
4. The animal that squirts ink into the water is called a ...
 - a. Snail
 - b. Slug
 - c. Octopus
 - d. Clam
5. What is a *predator*?
6. What is *prey*?

TRUE OR FALSE?

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| _____ | 1. Snails, octopuses, and squids are mollusks. | _____ | 4. A clam's main food is plankton. |
| _____ | 2. Snails are very fast animals. | _____ | 5. Chitons have two valves. |
| _____ | 3. Slugs look like snails without shells. | _____ | 6. Cuttlefish are fish. |

ANSWERS

- 1. a. Monkey.** According to section "When Does a Snail Crawl into Its Shell?" on page 14, we know that "Remember a snail is very slow. So it usually cannot escape from a predator, such as a snake, frog, or a bird." So, the correct answer is A.
- 2. d. 500,000 eggs at a time.** According to section "Where Do Sea Snails Lay Their Eggs?" on page 22, we know that "In fact, the queen conch can lay over 500,000 eggs at one time!" So, the correct answer is D.
- 3. b. Grain of sand.** According to section "How Does an Oyster Make a Pearl?" on page 36, we know that "A beautiful pearl actually starts out as a grain of sand or dirt." So, the correct answer is B.
- 4. c. Octopus.** According to section "Why Does an Octopus Squirt Ink?" on page 44, we know that "An octopus sometimes squirts a unique substance called ink into the water." So, the correct answer is C.
- 5.** According to page 63, a *predator* is "A hunting animal."
- 6.** According to page 63, *prey* is "Any animal that is hunted for food by another animal."

TRUE OR FALSE? ANSWERS

- 1. True.** According to section "What Are Mollusks?" on page 6, we know that "Snails are mollusks. Clams, octopuses, and squids are mollusks, too." So, the correct answer is True.
- 2. False.** According to section "How Does a Snail Get Around?" on page 12, we know that "Slime or no slime, snails are very slow animals." So, the correct answer is False.
- 3. True.** According to section "Which Snails Do Not Have Shells?" on page 26, we know that "Slugs look like snails without shells, and that is exactly what they are." So, the correct answer is True.
- 4. True.** According to section "What Does a Clam Eat?" on page 32, we know that "A clam does not have to work very hard for its meals. Its main food is plankton." So, the correct answer is True.
- 5. False.** According to section "Which Mollusks Have Eight-Piece Shells?" on page 40, we know that "But some mollusks have eight valves. They are called chitons." So, the correct answer is False.
- 6. False.** According to section "Are Cuttlefish Really Fish?" on page 52, we know that "No, cuttlefish are actually small mollusks." So, the correct answer is False.