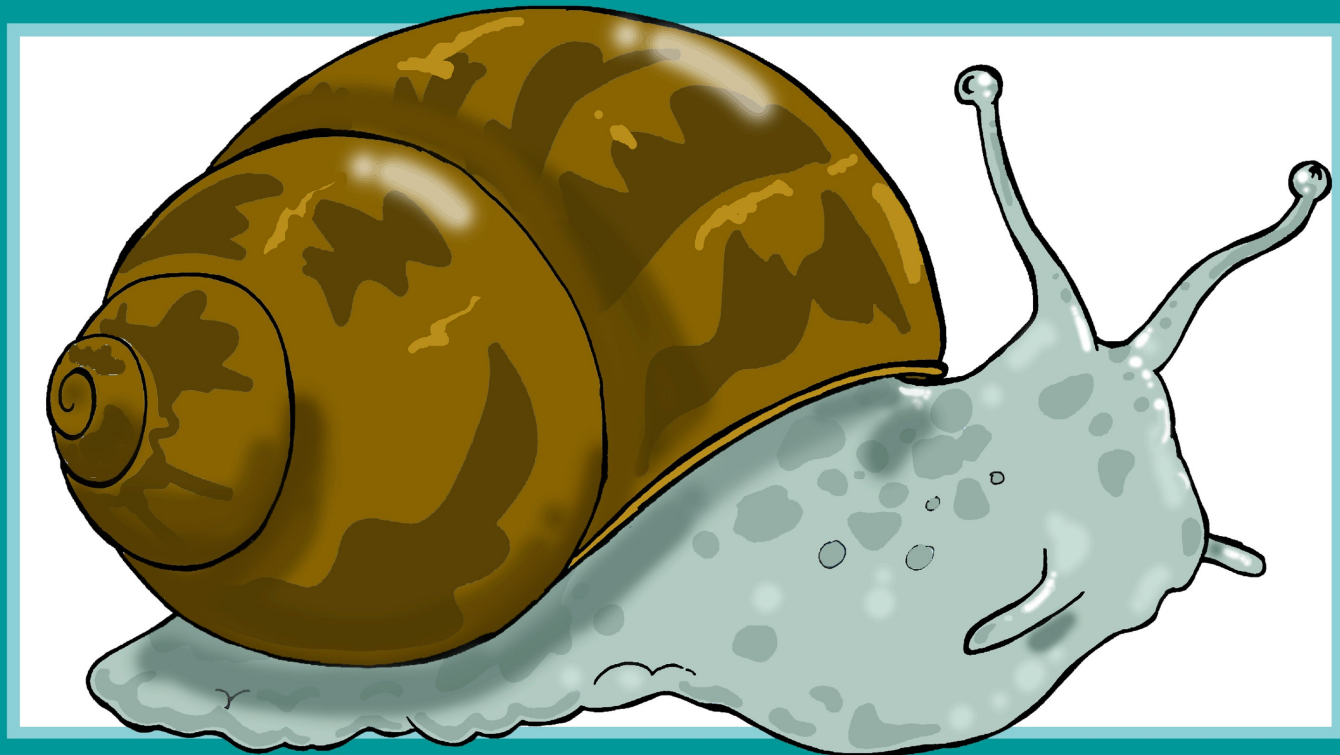


# Snails, Slugs and Bugs



*Reading just got wild!*

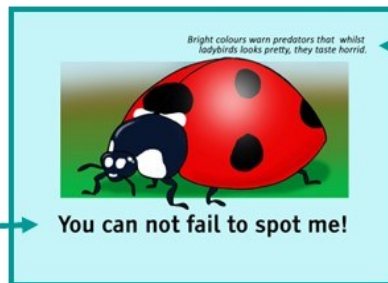


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# BEFORE YOU START...

The child reads the big, bold type.  
This contains the most common words, words that can be decoded or words containing the sound being learnt.



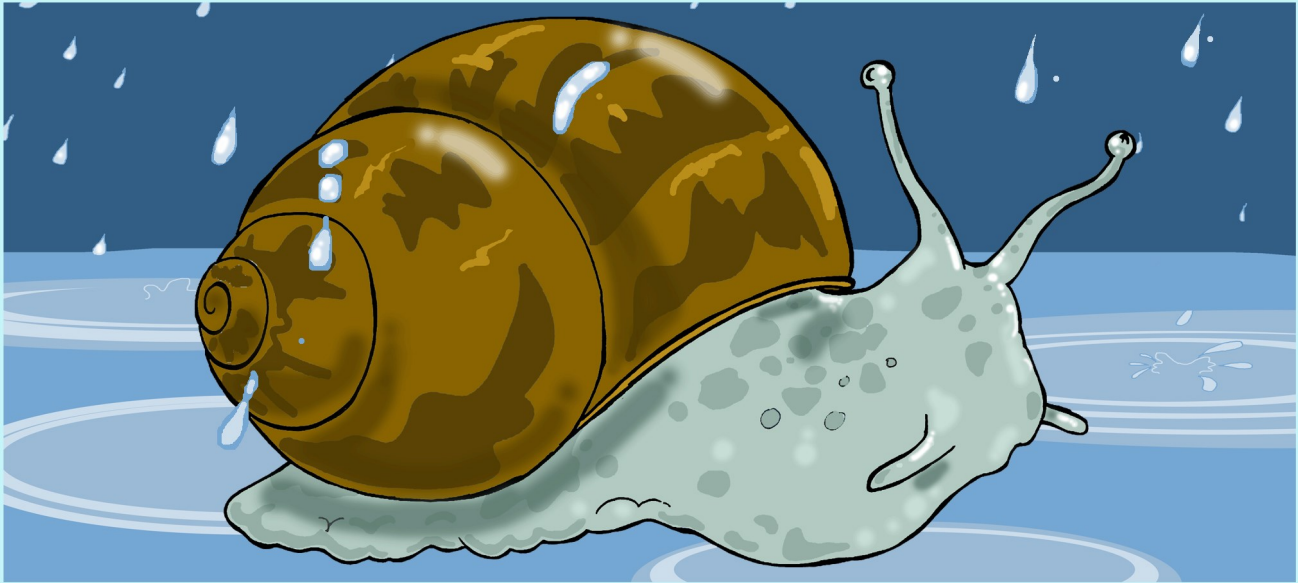
The text in the corner is just for the adult or reading partner. This is to develop the child's vocabulary and promote discussion.

ai

Say "ai" (as in "snail").

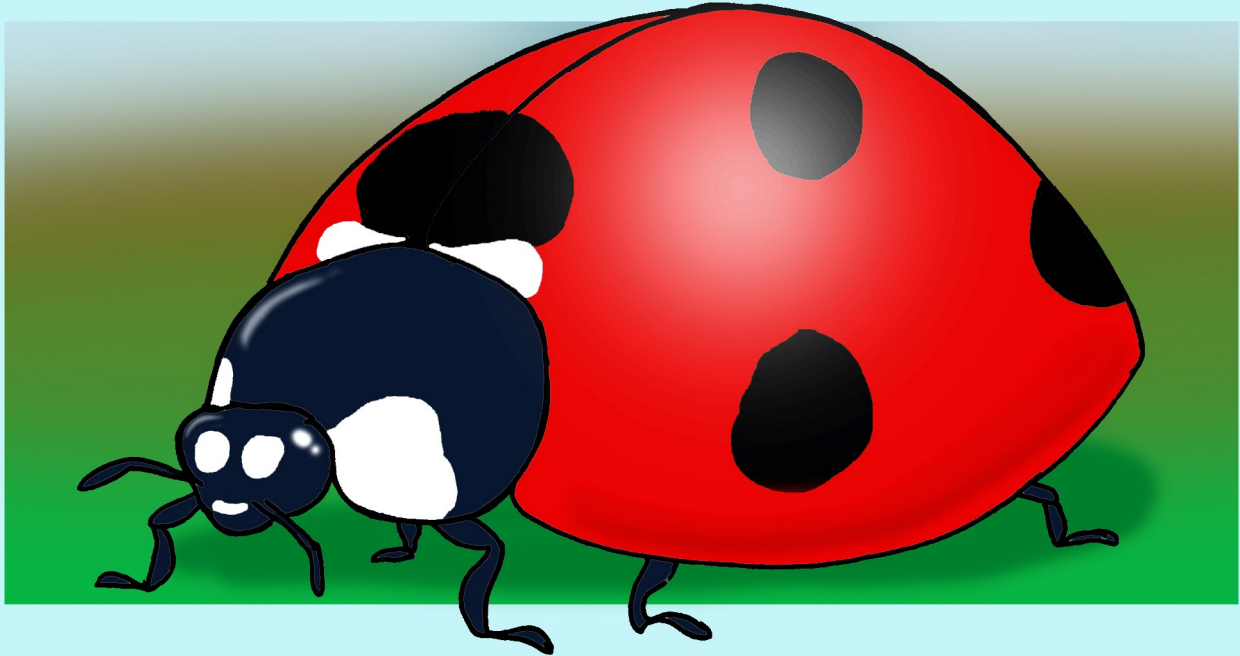
Say it **quiet**, say it **loud** and say it **silly**! Trace the letters with your finger... **Let's go!**

*Snails have soft bodies that need to stay moist, so they are more active in wet weather.*



**The snail likes it in the rain.**

*Bright colours warn predators that whilst ladybirds look pretty, they taste horrid.*



**You can not fail to spot me!**

*Slugs, like snails, leave a trail of slime behind them as they crawl along.*



**This slug laid a long trail.**

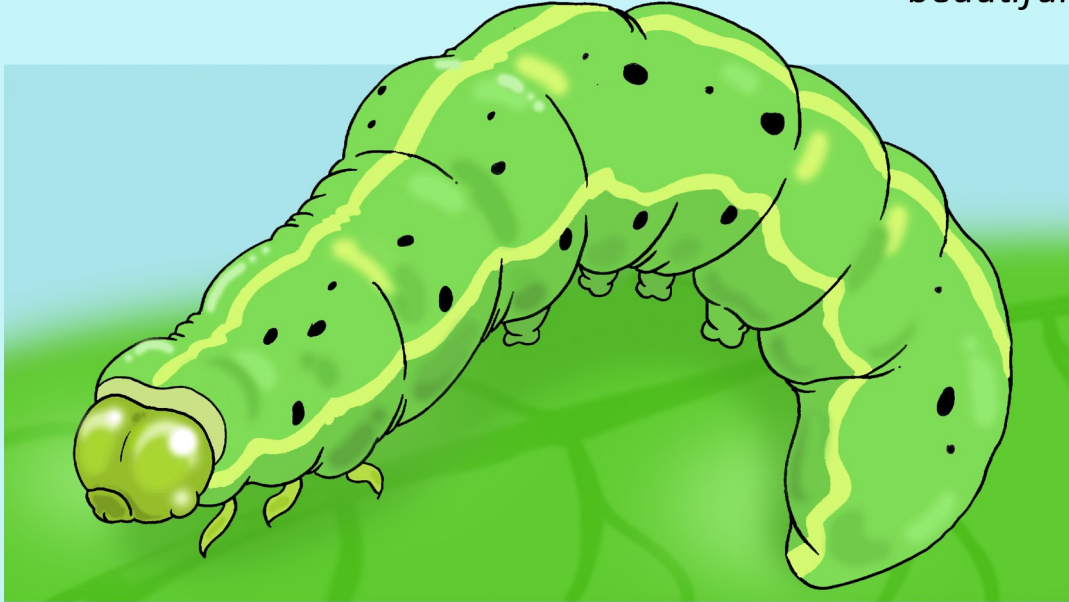
*Garden spiders construct webs from strong, sticky silk. These webs trap and entangle prey.*



**I will wait and wait in my web.**



*This green caterpillar is camouflaged now,  
but it will change into a bright,  
beautiful butterfly.*



**I look plain, but just wait!**

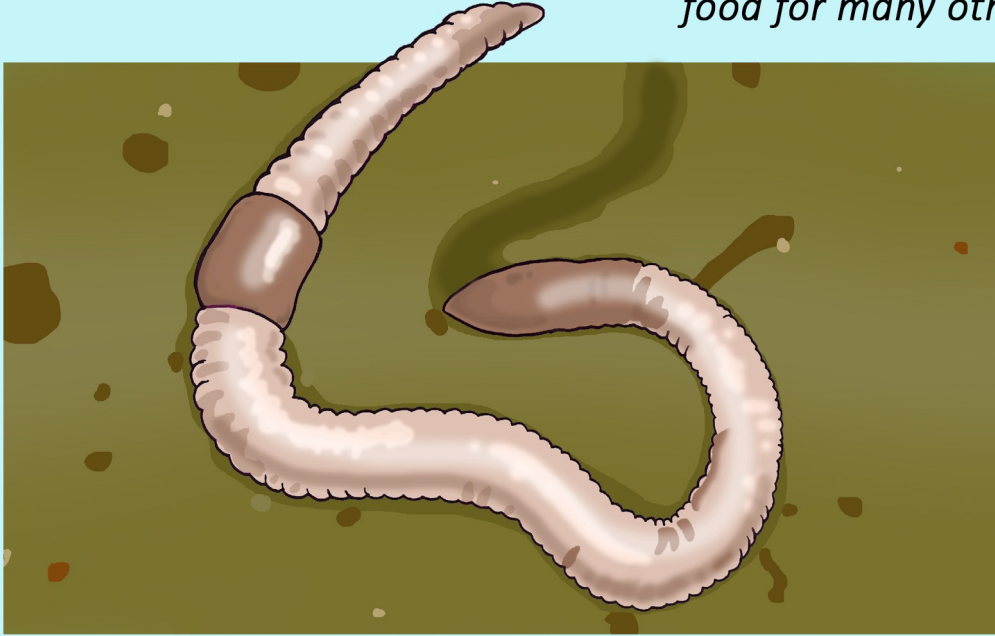


*Some snails, like these pond snails, live all their lives in water. Can you see how their shells look different?*



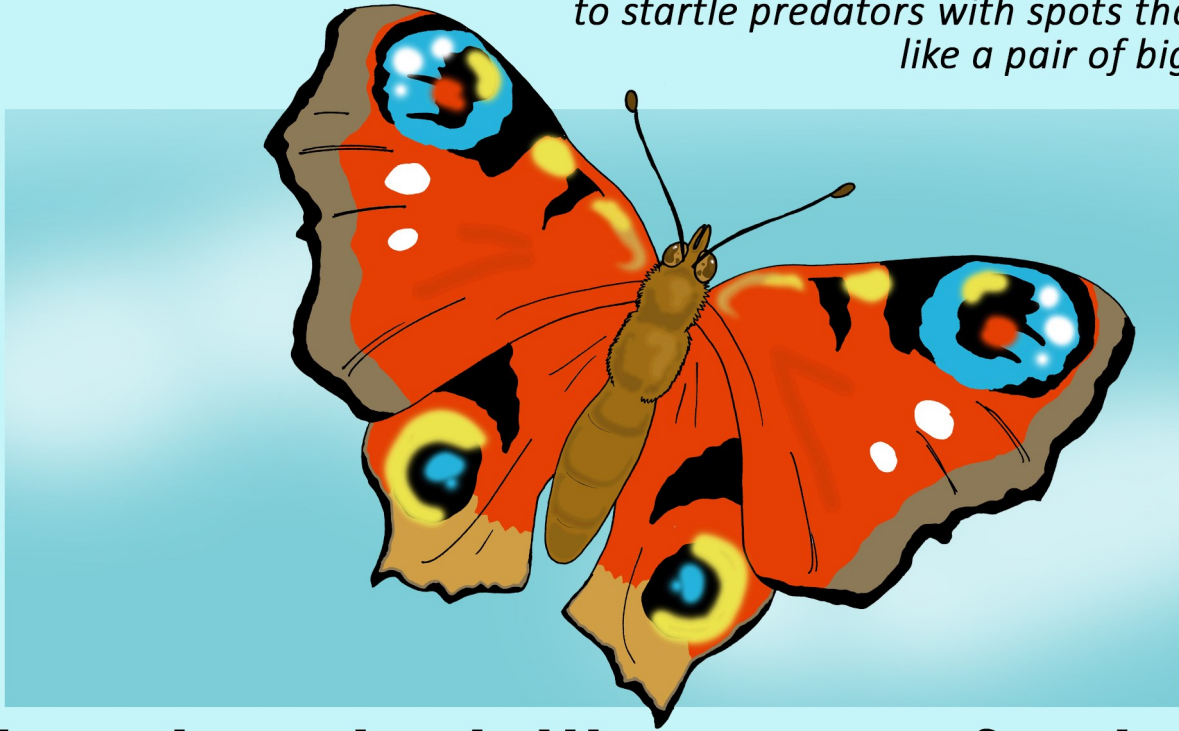
**These snails are pond snails.**

*Earthworms are so important in helping recycle nutrients in soil. Worms are also food for many other animals.*



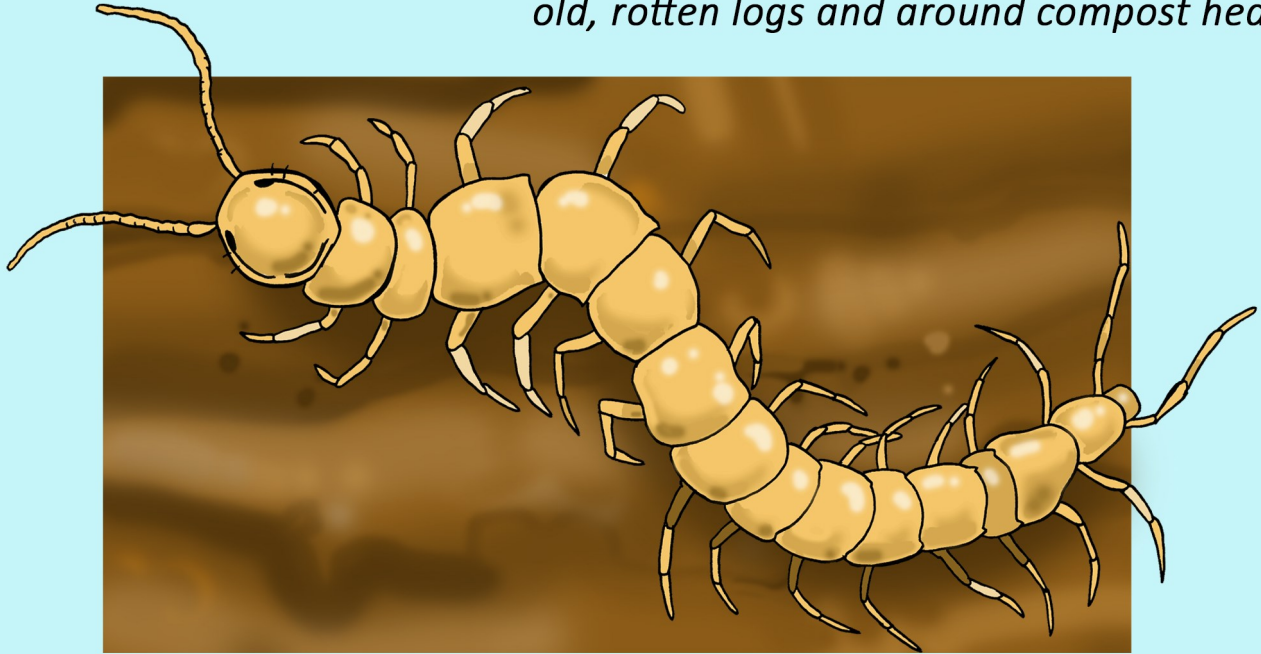
**Mud contains lots of these!**

*This peacock butterfly uses bright colouration  
to startle predators with spots that look  
like a pair of big eyes!*



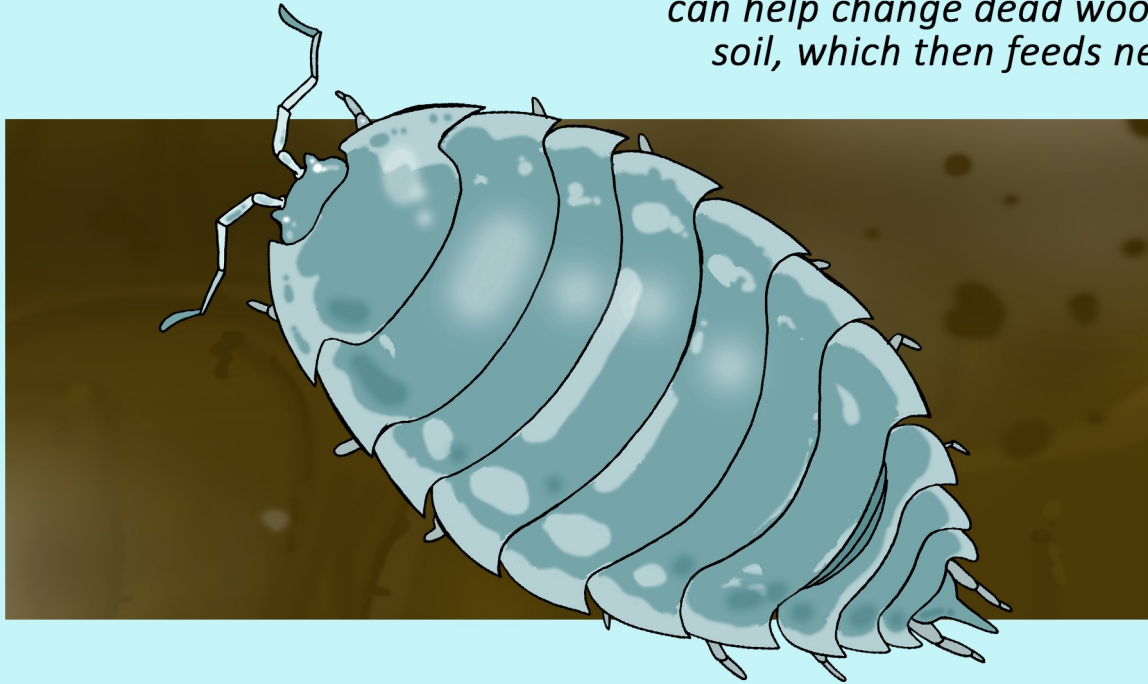
**The wings look like spots of paint.**

*Whilst they may look creepy, shy centipedes like quiet, dark spaces. You can find them under old, rotten logs and around compost heaps.*



**Do not be afraid of these bugs.**

*Despite being tiny creatures, woodlice can help change dead wood in to soil, which then feeds new life.*



**Old logs contain lots of us.**

aim

wait

rain

afraid

tail

snail

claim

laid

sail

aid

contain

bait



**FAST FINGER FINDER CHALLENGE!**

How many randomly selected words can you find in 30 seconds?

**TRY TO BEAT YOUR SCORE!**



**THE FOLLOWING RESOURCES MAY BE PRINTED/ COPIED FOR USE IN SCHOOL OR HOME**

**Please use the most appropriate of the differentiated tasks as to suit the learner.**



**main**

**wait**

**bait**

**rain**

**nail**

**fail**

**faint**

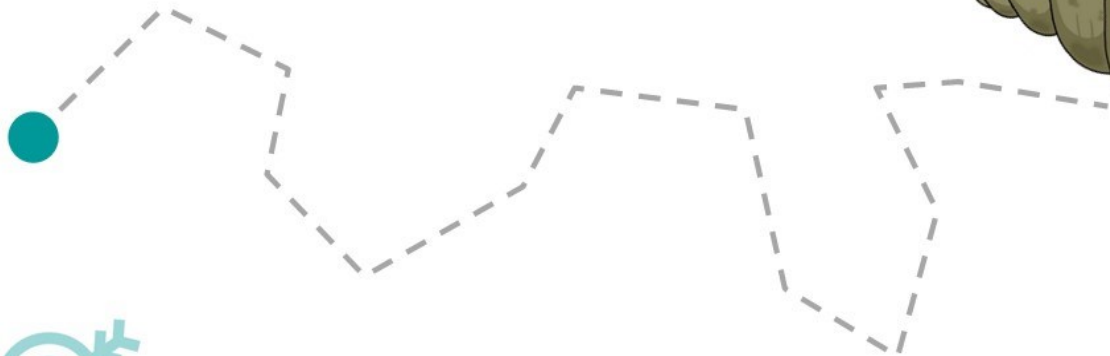
**train**

**obtain**

**grain**

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<b>wait</b>			
<b>bait</b>			
<b>rain</b>			
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<b>faint</b>			
<b>train</b>			
<b>obtain</b>			
<b>grain</b>			

# HANDWRITING



Would you  
hold a snail?



Trace the words, then transfer them on to the line.

nail

wait

rain



# WRITING



Can you use this word bank to create some sentences about snails?



shells



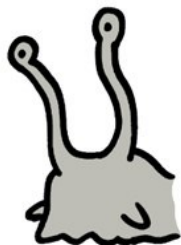
slime



curly



slow



antennae



hide



plants



soft

I got a \_\_\_\_\_ on my top.



Hit the \_\_\_\_\_ with a hammer.

The \_\_\_\_\_ did not stop.



Let's send the box in the \_\_\_\_\_.

I had to \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_.



mail

wait

rain

stain

nail

train





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