

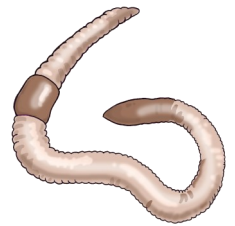
# Writing and comprehension: Mini-beasts




There are many kinds of mini-beasts, or **invertebrates**. None of these have bones that make a skeleton like us, but instead have soft bodies or are surrounded by a hard outer skeleton (a bit like a suit of armour) or a shell.

We can sort these animals in to groups based on what we can see. Insects are a big group and include, bees, ants, butterflies, flies and beetles. All of these have six legs. Spiders are not insects as they have eight legs and creatures some as woodlice, centipedes and millipedes have many more!

Invertebrates are so important and have many roles that support other live on Earth. They transfer pollen from plants so that we get fruit. They also break down dead material into new soil, control pests and provide food for other animals.



 **TARGET:** Two questions are asking for your opinion. Explain why you feel that way?

How do you feel about snails, slugs and bugs?

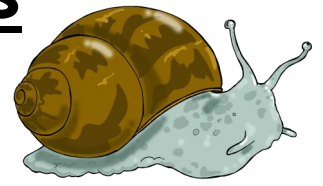
Do you think mini-beasts are important creatures?

Is a spider an insect? Explain your answer.

## EXTENSION

Can you draw and label three different minibeasts? Use descriptive words to add extra detail (think shape, colour, texture).

# Snails, Slugs and Bugs



Snails are amazing mini-beasts!

Use the book *Snails, Slugs and Bugs* to help with your ideas.



Can you use the word bank to create some sentences about these animals?

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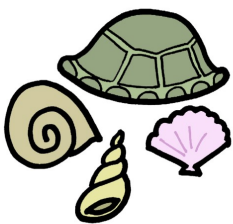
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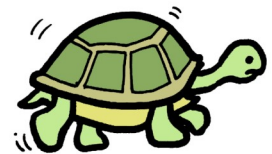
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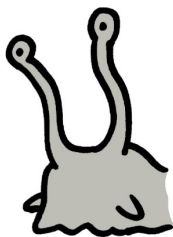
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curly



slow



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hide



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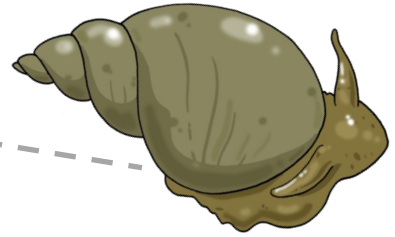


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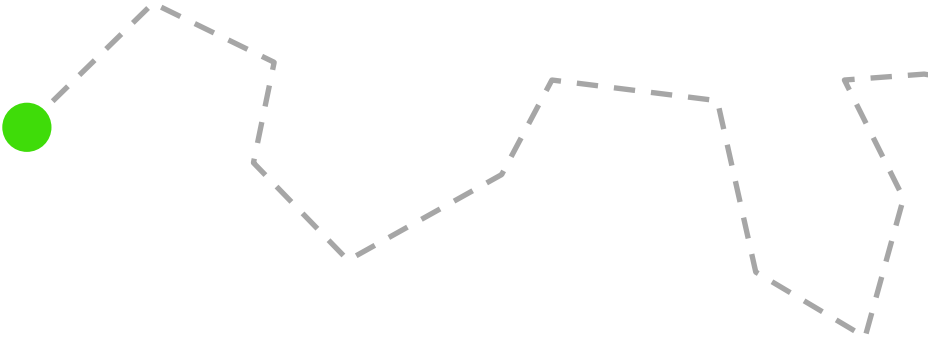
Handwriting **ai** sound.

# Snails, Slugs and Bugs

Follow the pond snail...



Can you move like a snail?



Trace the word, then transfer on to the line.

nail

nail

nail

wait

wait

wait

tail

rain

main

<b>main</b>	<b>wait</b>
<b>bait</b>	<b>rain</b>
<b>nail</b>	<b>fail</b>
<b>faint</b>	<b>train</b>
<b>obtain</b>	<b>grain</b>



**TREEFROG  
PHONICS**

Name

Date

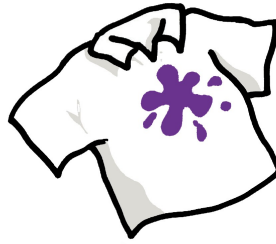
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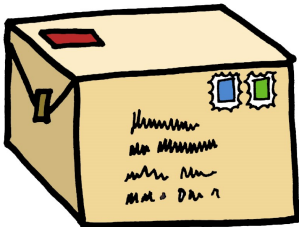
# Learning the “ai” sound (like nail)

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



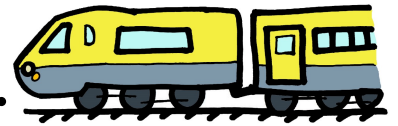
I hit the \_\_\_\_\_ with a hammer!

The \_\_\_\_\_ did not stop!



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

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



mail

wait

rain

stain

nail

train

Have a go! Use any “ai” word from your spellings

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