

POP! TEACHER RESOURCE

Lesson Plan

Snail Race

Lesson Plan for *Snails*

Grade 1

Objective

To help students recall key details from the text about the characteristics and behaviors of snails.

Things Needed

- *Snails* book
- A large, clear space for playing an active game

Before the Activity

Read *Snails* out loud to students. Have all students line up in a row facing the front of the room.

Activity

Explain that students will play a game called “Snail Race.” You will read a sentence describing a snail’s looks or behaviors. Students will decide if the sentence is true or false. If students think the sentence is true, they should put their thumbs up. If students think the sentence is false, they should put their thumbs down. Students who guess the correct answer get to move forward one step. Students who guess incorrectly have to take one step back. If the sentence was false, students will brainstorm together to figure out what would make the sentence true.

Use the following list of sentences:

- Snails have hard bodies. (FALSE—snails have soft bodies)
- Snails can be found all over the world. (TRUE)
- Snails carry their shells on their heads. (FALSE—they carry their shells on their backs)
- There is only one kind of snail. (FALSE—there are more than 65,000 kinds of snail)
- A snail’s shell is rough on the outside. (TRUE)
- A snail’s shell is soft on the inside. (TRUE)



- Many snails live in freshwater areas, such as ponds and lakes. (TRUE)
- Snails have tentacles on their shells. (FALSE—they have tentacles on their heads)
- Some snails have eyes on their tentacles. (TRUE)
- Snails do not have teeth. (FALSE—snails have thousands of tiny teeth)
- Snails are small animals. (TRUE)
- Tiny bumps on the snail’s foot help the snail move. (TRUE)
- All snails hate the taste of algae. (FALSE—most freshwater snails eat algae)
- A snail stays safe by pulling its head and foot into its shell. (TRUE)
- Snails can have one or two pairs of tentacles. (TRUE)
- Most snails eat during the day and sleep at night. (FALSE—snails hide during the day and eat at night)
- Many animals like to eat snails. (TRUE)
- Snails have soft shells. (FALSE—snails have hard shells)
- Snails have two feet. (FALSE—snails have one foot)
- Some snails can live up to 15 years. (TRUE)
- Some snails live in marshes. (TRUE)
- Some female snails can lay more than 300 eggs. (TRUE)

Evaluation

The first student to reach the front of the classroom wins.

Standards

This lesson plan may be used to address the National Science Education Standards’ Content Standard C, grades K–4, and the Common Core State Standards’ reading standards for informational texts, grade 1 (RI 1.1).

