

Gait of a Snail

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In the previous segment, we acquired knowledge about **The gait of an earthworm**. In this segment, we will study The gait of a snail.

What is a Snail?

Snail is a small animal that has a soft body and no legs. It has a **Shell** which forms a protective exoskeleton.



Snails are known for their extremely slow movements.

How does a snail locomote?

- The snail moves with the help of its head and muscles present at the lower side of the body.
- These muscles form the **Muscular foot** of the snail.
- A **Wave of Contraction and Relaxation** is generated in their feet which enables them to glide and move.
- To protect their body, the lower portion of the snail's body secretes a slimy, sticky substance called the **Mucus**. This mucus forms a protective layer so that snails can easily glide on rough, sharp, and hard surfaces.

Summary

Snail	Snail is a small animal that has a soft body and no legs.
Locomotion in Snails	Snails move with the help of their head and a muscular foot.

What's next?

In the next segment of Class 6 Science, we will learn about **The gait of a cockroach**.