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both gills and lungs. Most snails have a banded, ribbon-like "tongue" called a radula covered with microscopic teeth-like structures. It helps rip food into manageable pieces. The shells of snails act as protection against predators and other threats. The muscular foot helps the snail move in aqueous and terrestrial habitats, with the mucus layer preventing injury and providing friction along surfaces.  The reproductive system of the snail is quite complex. Most species are hermaphrodites, possessing both male and female genitalia. Snails use smell and taste to locate potential mates. Once they do, one of them stabs the other with an appendage often referred to as a "love dart". This is done to prevent the penetrated partner from rejecting the sperm from the other snail, increasing the chance of the eggs getting fertilized. Some species, like the periwinkles and the apple snails, have distinct genders, while others, like garden snails, reproduce asexually without a partner.  After mating, snails lay around 100 eggs, though over 400 have been observed in some cases. Only a small number of these eggs hatch after 2 weeks, approximately 20-50. The larva consumes the shell of their egg as their first source of nourishment. Initially, baby snails are transparent with very soft shells. They grow quickly, with their shells hardening as they mature. The number of rings on the shell acts as an indicator of the age of the snail. Sexual maturity varies greatly from 6 weeks to almost 5 years.  As per the IUCN, several species of snails are at risk. Reasons for this include loss of habitat, global warming, and pollution. 1. How long do snails sleep? Usually, snails sleep for 15-18 hours, but some have been reported to sleep for 3 days. 2. Do snails have teeth? While they don't have proper teeth, their radula is covered with tooth-like structures. 3. Are snails poisonous? Most snails aren't poisonous, but the cone snail injects prey with venom using a small harpoon-like stinger. 4. Do snails bite? Yes, snails can bite, but their bites are not very penetrative. 5. Can snails live in desert? Most species of snail struggle in dry conditions, but some, like *Sphincterochila boissieri*, are adapted to live in the desert. 6. Do snails hibernate? If the weather is unsuitable, snails may hibernate during the colder season. 7. How fast can snails move? Many snails move at less than 3 in/min. If a snail did not stop to rest or eat, it could travel 16 ft/h.  Snails have been associated with laziness globally because of their slow speed. The term "snail mail" refers to the postal service, while inept and sedate processes are said to move at a "snail's pace". The myth of Cupid's arrow is believed to have originated from the darts fired by snails. In pop culture, snails have been featured quite a bit, most notably the character of Gary from the animated series *Spongebob Squarepants*. Humans have used snails for several purposes, including being raised as pets, cooking as food, using the shell for jewelry, and their slime for skincare. In England, there was a famous snail called Jeremy whose shell coiled towards the left. This is unique among snails as most shells coil to the right.