



# Snails



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This book is to be read after the sound

**a saying ar**

has been learnt.

Practice this odd word on a flashcard before reading this story.

**their**

You can sound these words out. Practice them before you start to read the book.

**places**

**asked**

It had been raining and the ground was wet.

Sam and Pam were going outside in the garden to help Dad to do some digging.

Just as Sam stepped out, Pam cried,

“Oh Sam, don’t step on the snail! I will put it somewhere safe.”

She picked it up and put it on the flower bed.

“Why do snails come out when it rains?”

Sam asked his Dad.



“A snail’s skin needs to be kept damp or it will die.” said Dad, “Snails live in damp places away from the hot sunshine. They live under flower pots and in other cool places. They come out to eat at night when it has been raining. In the daytime they go to sleep.”



“They do not have any legs,” said Pam.

“No,” said Dad, but they have a foot! They glide on their foot and leave a trail of slime. The slime helps to stop them from getting hurt when they go over sharp things.”

“I see snails sometimes that don’t have a foot,” said Sam.

“All snails have a foot,” said Dad, but sometimes you can’t see it, as it is curled up inside the shell. The shell is the snail’s house.



“They don’t seem to have any eyes,” said Pam.

“They do have eyes,” said Dad. “The eyes are on the end of the longest horns, but they cannot see very well. Snails use their horns to help them to find their way around instead.

“What do they like to eat,” asked Sam.

“They like to eat soft leaves,” said

Dad. “I can see that!” he said,

looking at his beans. “Look, you can see their teeth marks on this leaf.”

“They do not seem to have noses. How do they breathe?” asked Pam.

“No, you are right Pam,” said Dad. “But they have a little hole underneath the shell near the rim.

This is their breathing hole.

Come and help me look for snails around my beans and we will put them somewhere safe.”

