



Snail Racing!

During the wetter months there are fewer minibeasts about but one creature you should be able to find plenty of is snails! Set up a simple race course to have a bit of fun with these fascinating creatures.

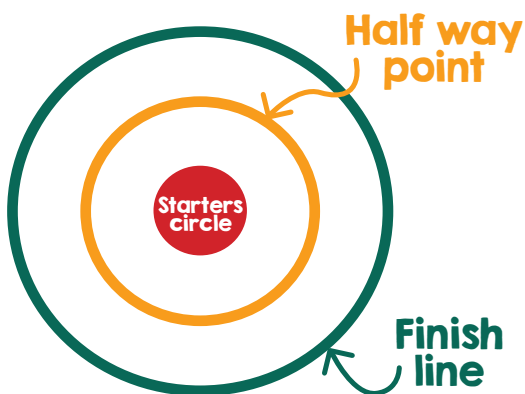
How to play

First, find a small open space.

You could mark your racing area out with chalk on your garden patio or playground, or by drawing with your finger in the soil or you could even make your own snail racing board to take along with you.

Start with a small circle where the 'racers' will take up their start positions.

Then draw one or more rings around the outside to mark distances from the centre circle.



When you are ready to go, place the snails in the centre circle and start the race - **the first snail to reach the finish line is the winner!**

Did you know...?

Land snails have a strong muscular foot. They are a type of 'Gastropod' which means stomach foot.

The upper tentacles are the 'eye stalks'



The lower tentacles are for smelling

A single garden snail can have 430 babies in a year!

Both sets of tentacles are retractable

Garden snails have a top speed of about 1.3cm per second