

Snails, slugs and worms

True or False?

Statements and Answers

- 1) There will be a maximum of 10 earthworms per acre of land.
(FALSE – there may be up to a million per acre!)

- 2) Earthworms, like people are warm blooded
(FALSE – they are cold blooded like insects)

- 3) In ideal conditions, an earthworm can live to be 10 years old
(TRUE)

- 4) The longest earthworm ever found (in South America) was 22ft long
(TRUE)

- 5) Earthworms are very bad for the soil, they make the soil very poor
(FALSE – earthworms are vital for healthy soil as they mix the soil together)

- 6) Earthworms eat by swallowing soil
(TRUE – they absorb nutrients from the soil they swallow)

- 7) As snails move, they leave behind slime
(TRUE – it's a strong form of suction for them)

- 8) Snails have excellent eyesight
(FALSE – they use their sense of smell - their eyesight and hearing are poor)

- 9) All snails are vegetarian
(TRUE – they are herbivores)

- 10) Snails mainly come out during the day
(FALSE – they are mostly nocturnal)

- 11) Slugs and snails belong to the same family group called Molluscs
(TRUE)

- 12) In Britain we have 30 different species of slug
(TRUE)