Who lives under a log? Answers and notes

What your child practised: naming minibeasts that live under logs and stones, telling a centipede from a millipede and a slug from a snail, and why we put logs back (Year 2 science).

Page 1 · Warm up

A woodlouse has **14 legs** (7 on each side).

Page 2 · Try it together

Answers will vary. Woodlice, slugs and earthworms are common finds. (Woodlice are related to crabs, so they need damp places.)

Page 2 · A. Name each minibeast

Top row: **snail**, **centipede**, **woodlouse**
Bottom row: **earthworm**, **slug**, **millipede**

Page 3 · B. Ring the right name

millipede, **slug**, **centipede**, **snail**

Page 3 · C. Where does it live?

woodlouse: **under a stone**
water boatman: **in a pond**
moss: **on a damp log**

Page 3 · D. Why put logs back?

Any sensible reason: it is the minibeasts' **home**; they need it **dark and damp**, or they dry out; it keeps them safe from birds.

Challenge: No. Woodlice need **dark, damp** places. In hot sun they dry out quickly, and birds can spot them. Leave them where they were and put the stone back gently.

Watch out for

- **Centipede or millipede?** Look at one body part: 1 pair of legs sticking out = centipede; 2 pairs tucked underneath = millipede. Fast = centipede; slow or curled up = millipede.
- **Slug or snail?** Only the snail has a shell on its back.
- **Pond or land?** Water boatmen swim in ponds; they don't live under logs.
- **Sunny spots:** minibeasts from under logs need dark, damp places, not hot, sunny paths.

Going further (5 minutes, no paper)

- **Guess who:** describe a minibeast ("no shell, slimy, two pairs of feelers"). Your child names it.
- **In the game:** Chapter 3, On plants and flowers, searches leaves and flowers for more minibeasts and names the plants.