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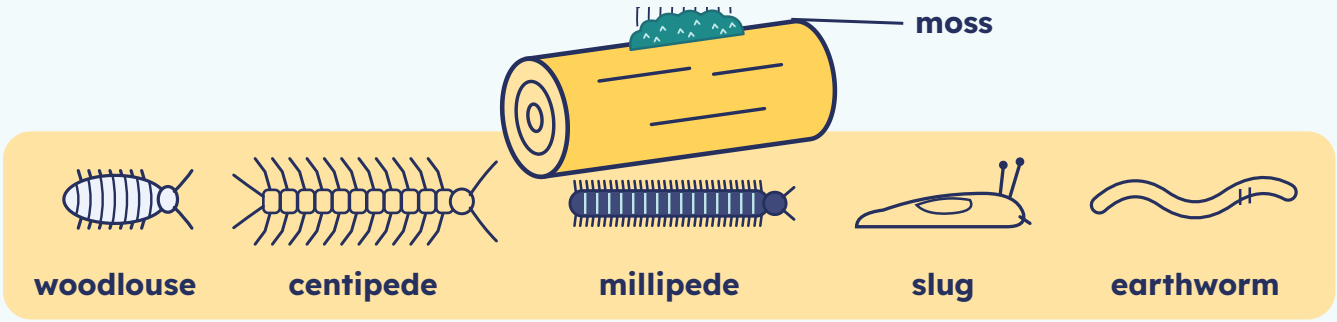
Who lives under a log?

Lift a log or a stone, and you might find a whole family of minibeasts.

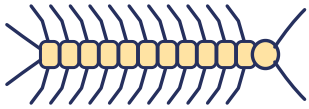
1 Learn



A **minibeast** is a small animal with no backbone. Lots of minibeasts hide under logs and stones, where it is **dark, damp and cool**.

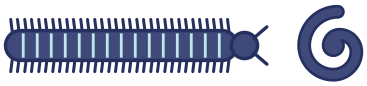


Centipede or millipede? Look at one body part, and count its legs.



Centipede

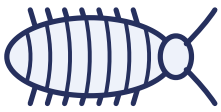
- **1 pair** of legs on each body part
- long legs stick out at the sides
- runs fast



Millipede

- **2 pairs** of legs on each body part
- short legs tucked underneath
- slow, and curls up when scared

Flip's tip: slug or snail? A **snail** carries a shell on its back. A **slug** has no shell.



Warm up: count the legs on this woodlouse.
Don't count its feelers! It has _____ legs.

Grown-ups: read Flip's words aloud and name each minibeast together. Centipedes can nip: look, don't touch.

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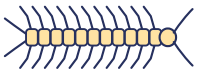
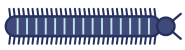
2 Try it together a child and a grown-up, about 10 minutes



Log lift

You need: a log, a big stone or a flowerpot in a shady spot outside, a pencil and this sheet.

1. A grown-up lifts the log or stone **slowly**.
2. Look carefully. **Look, don't touch.** Make a tally mark for each minibeast you see.
3. Put it back **gently, exactly as it was**.

 **woodlouse**	 **centipede**	 **millipede**	 **slug**
 **snail**	 **earthworm**	 **beetle**	 **spider**

No log? Lay a piece of cardboard on damp soil. Leave it for a few days, then lift it and look.

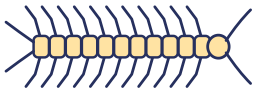
Grown-ups: ask "Why do we put it back?" (The minibeasts need their dark, damp home, or they dry out and birds can find them.) Wash hands afterwards.

3 Practise

A. Name each minibeast. Use the words in the box.

woodlouse | centipede | millipede | slug | snail | earthworm

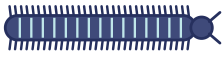
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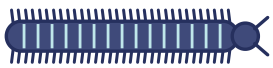
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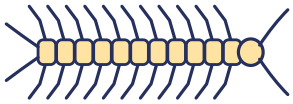
B. Ring the right name.



centipede
millipede



slug
snail



centipede
millipede



slug
snail

C. Where does it live? Ring the best place.

 **woodlouse**

 **under a stone**

 **on a hot, sunny path**

 **water boatman**

 **under a log**

 **in a pond**

 **moss**

 **floating on a pond**

 **on a damp log**

D. Why do minibeast hunters always put logs and stones back?

We put the log back because _____

_____

Challenge

Mia finds woodlice under a stone. She says, "Let's put them on the sunny path so they can warm up!" Is that a good idea? Why?

_____

_____

_____

I can… Tick when you can.

- ☐ name 5 minibeasts that live under logs and stones
- ☐ tell a centipede from a millipede
- ☐ tell a slug from a snail