

Giant African Snails

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Giant African snails are some of the **largest** snails in the world. They can grow up to 20 centimeters long. That is bigger than your hand! These snails come from East Africa. They have big brown and yellow **shells**.

These snails are very **hungry** animals. They eat over 500 different kinds of plants. They like fruits, vegetables, and flowers. They can even eat **concrete** walls because they need calcium for their shells.

Giant African snails are now found in many **countries**. People brought them as pets or food. But they can be **dangerous** to farms. They eat crops very fast and have many babies.

One snail can lay up to 1,200 eggs in one year. The babies grow very quickly. This is why they are hard to **control**. Many places are trying to stop them from **spreading**.

In some countries, people eat these snails as food. The snails have lots of **protein**. Scientists study them to find ways to **protect** farms. Giant African snails are truly amazing creatures!

A. Vocabulary

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| 1. largest ____ | a. nations or lands |
| 2. shells ____ | b. moving to new places |
| 3. hungry ____ | c. the biggest |
| 4. concrete ____ | d. to stop or manage |
| 5. countries ____ | e. to keep safe |
| 6. dangerous ____ | f. food that helps your body grow |
| 7. control ____ | g. can cause harm |
| 8. spreading ____ | h. wanting to eat |
| 9. protein ____ | i. hard gray building material |
| 10. protect ____ | j. hard covers that protect animals |

B. True or False

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| 1. Giant African snails are very small. _____ | 2. These snails come from East Africa. _____ | 3. The snails eat only one type of plant. _____ |
| 4. They can eat concrete walls. _____ | 5. One snail lays about 100 eggs per year. _____ | 6. People keep them as pets in some places. _____ |
| 7. The snails grow very slowly. _____ | 8. Some people eat these snails as food. _____ | 9. Scientists study these snails. _____ |

C. Fill in the Blanks

Word Bank: largest, shells, hungry, countries, dangerous, control, protein

1. Giant African snails are the _____ snails in the world.
2. They have big brown and yellow _____ on their backs.
3. These snails are very _____ and eat many plants.
4. The snails now live in many _____ around the world.
5. Eating snails gives you lots of _____ for your body.

D. Comprehension Questions

1. How big can Giant African snails grow?
2. Where do these snails come from?
3. How many eggs can one snail lay in a year?
4. Why do snails eat concrete?
5. Why are these snails dangerous to farms?

E. Discussion Questions

1. Would you want a giant snail as a pet? Why or why not?
2. Have you ever seen a snail? What did it look like?
3. What other animals have shells?

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Answer Key

A. Vocabulary: 1-c, 2-j, 3-h, 4-i, 5-a, 6-g, 7-d, 8-b, 9-f, 10-e

B. True/False: 1-F, 2-T, 3-F, 4-T, 5-F, 6-T, 7-F, 8-T, 9-T

C. Fill Blanks: 1-largest, 2-shells, 3-hungry, 4-countries, 5-protein

D. Comprehension: 1. Up to 20 centimeters long; 2. East Africa; 3. Up to 1,200 eggs; 4. They need calcium for their shells; 5. They eat crops very fast and have many babies