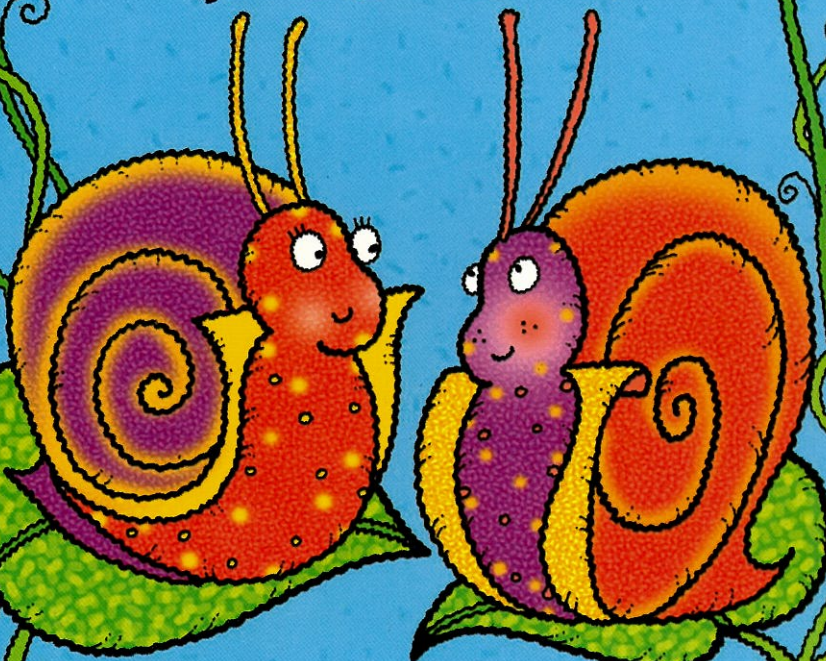


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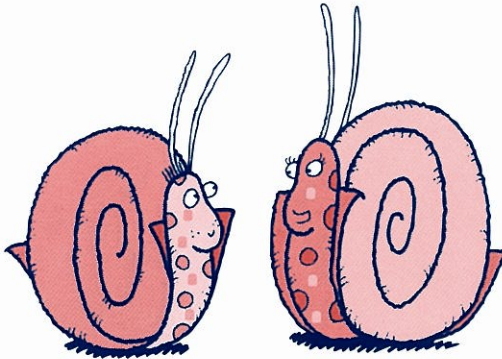
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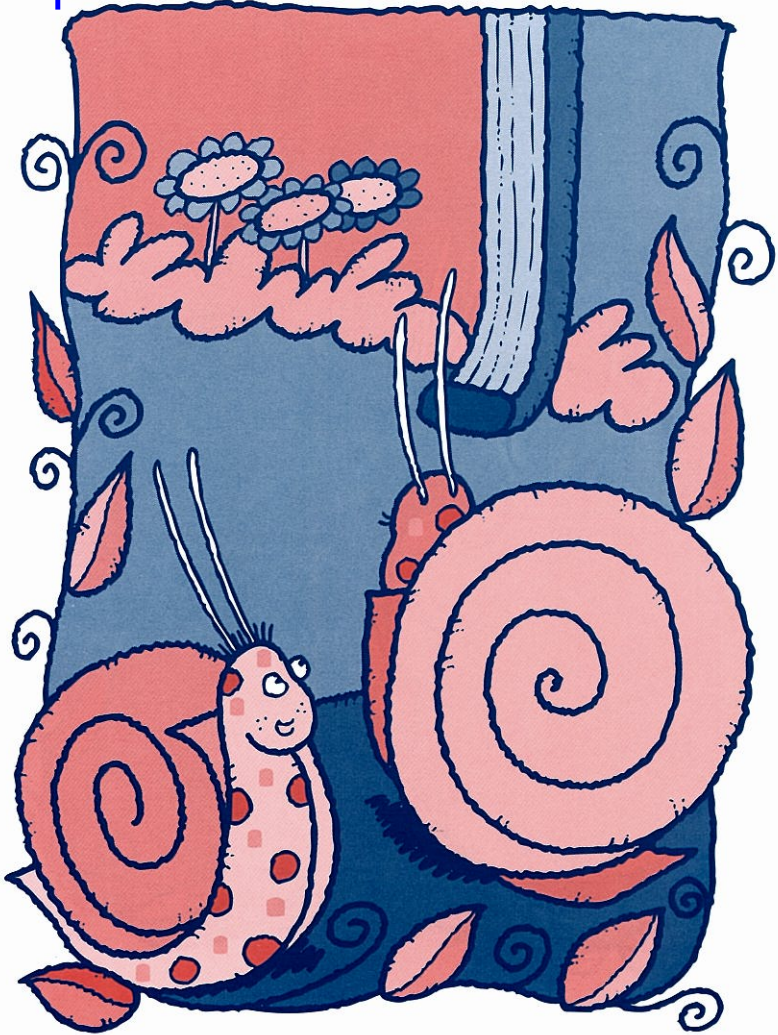
Fay and her son Wally stayed on the main trail. They chomped plants every day.



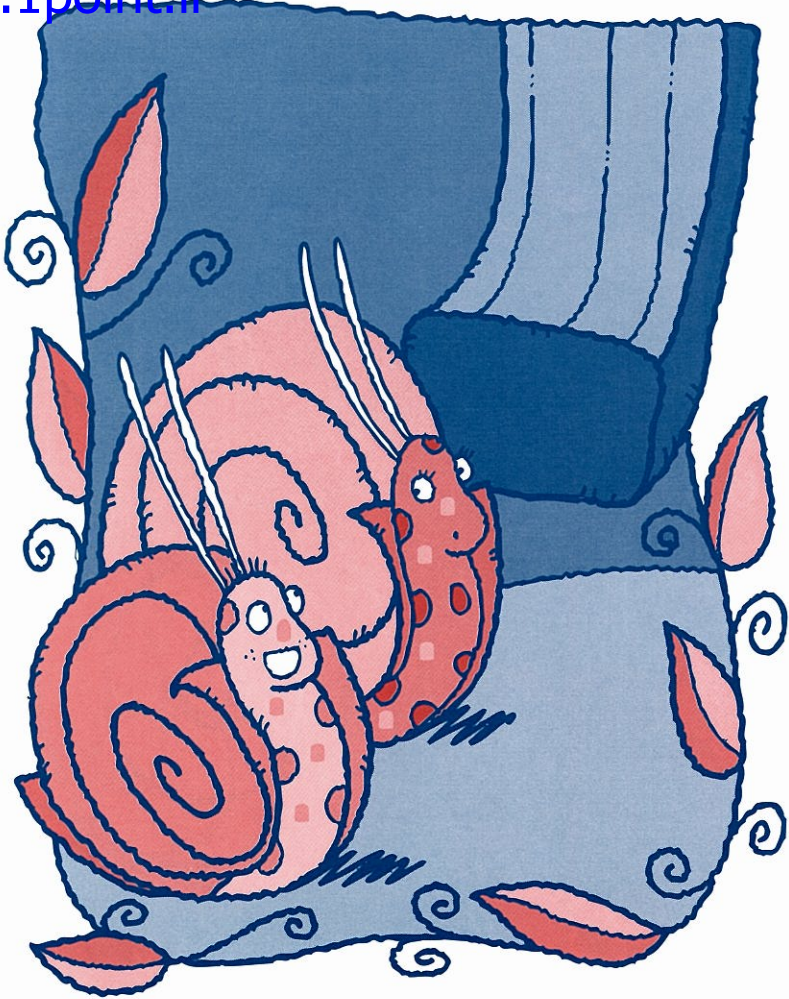
One day Wally said, "I can't stay here one more day. I am sure that fun is near. I can't wait."



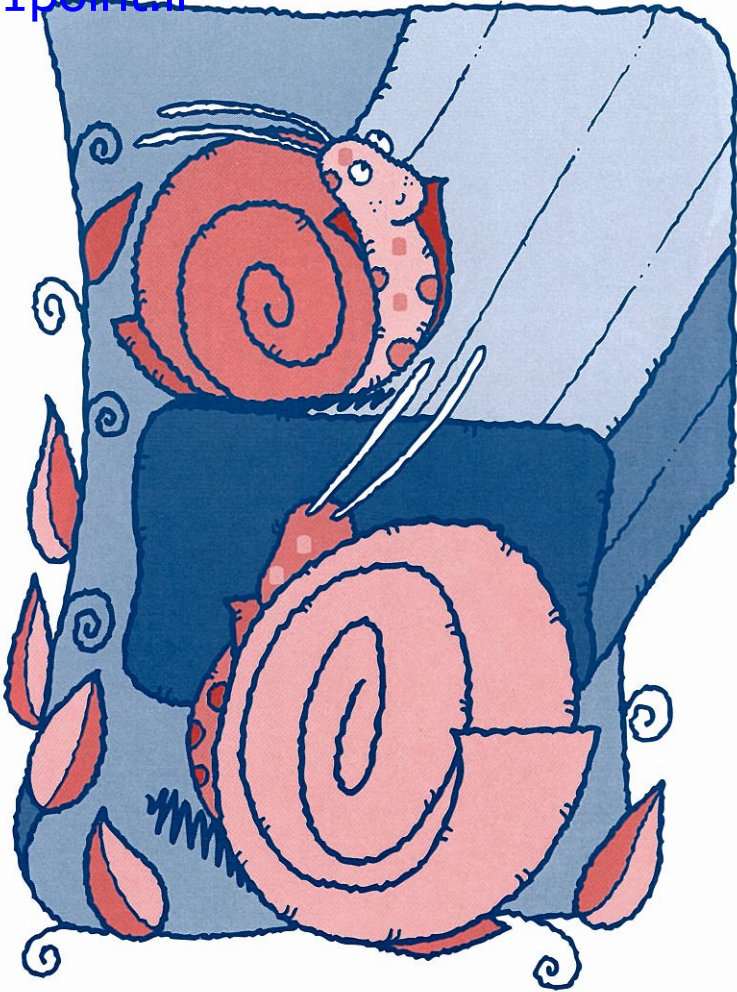
“Wally, we can’t just go away!”
said Fay. “We are just snails. Can
snails go away?”



Wally thought he could not stay another day. “Wait,” Wally said. “Maybe we can go up the drain!”



“Up the drain? Maybe not!” Fay had to say. Still, Wally talked Fay into it. The snails made their way to the drain.



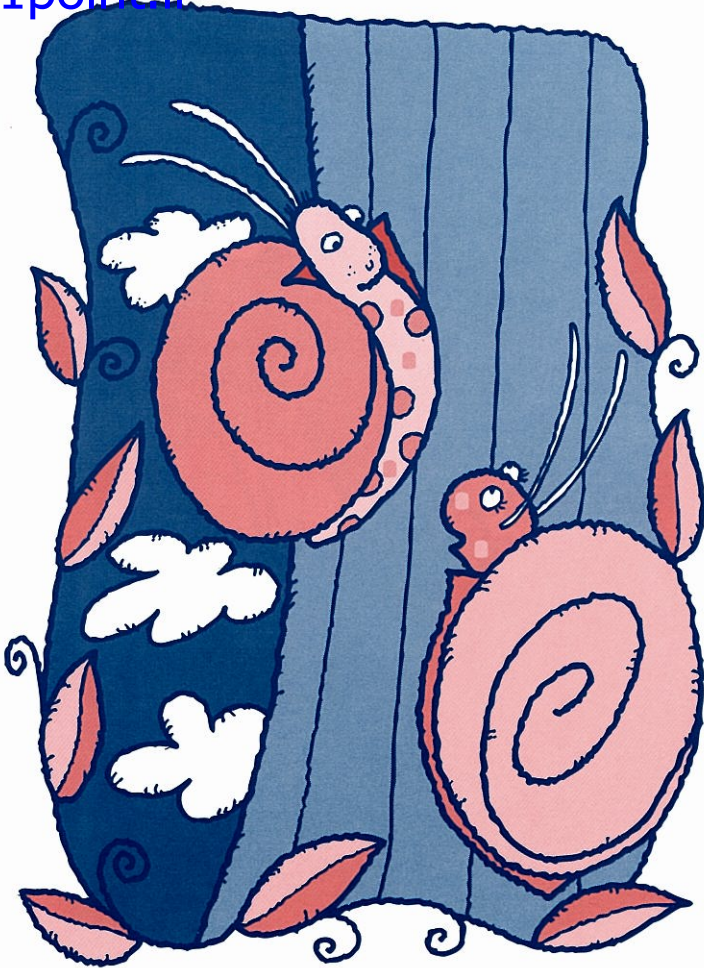
“That’s a long way up,” Fay said.

“Are you afraid?”

“No,” Wally said, but he did get dizzy when he looked down.

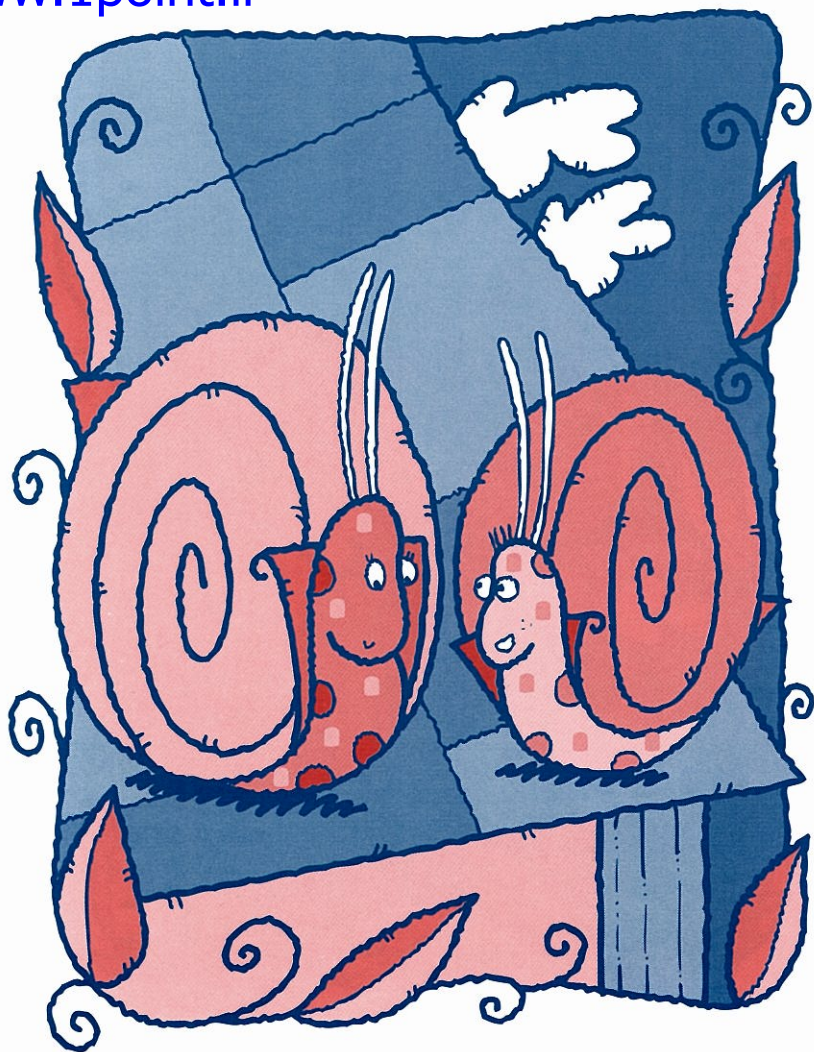


“Come on, Mom,” said Wally.
“No more waiting.” The snails
slowly climbed up the drain.



“Must we go all the way up?
It’s cold,” said Fay.

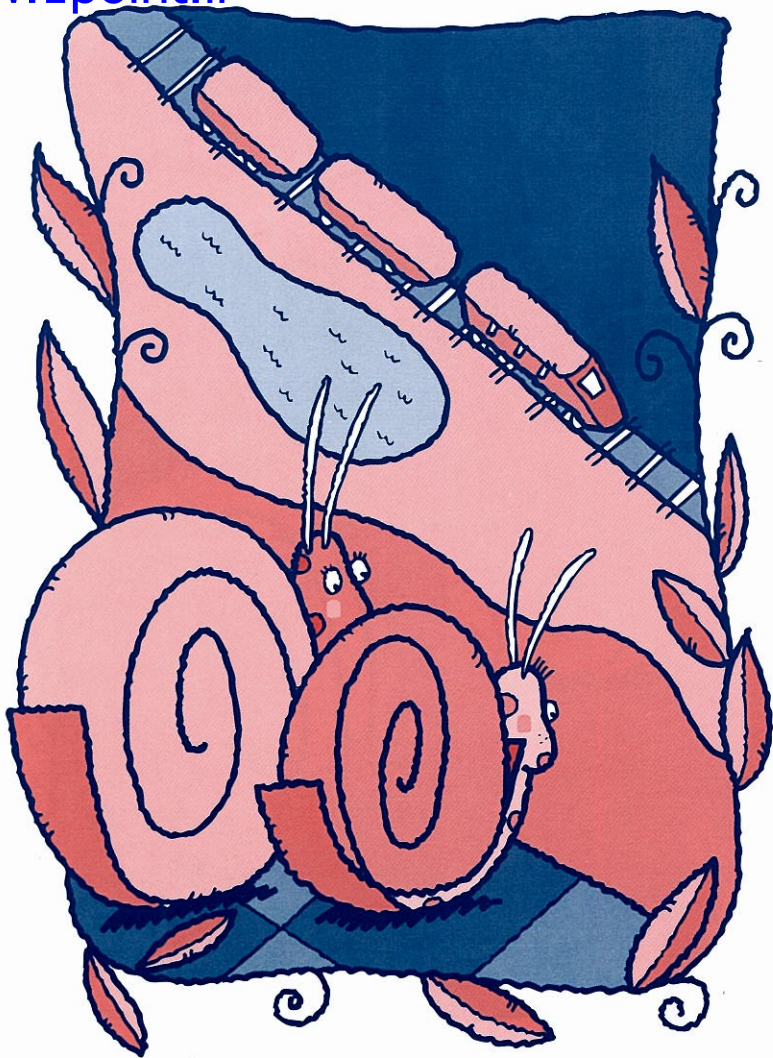
“Don’t be afraid. Just look at
the drain,” said Wally.



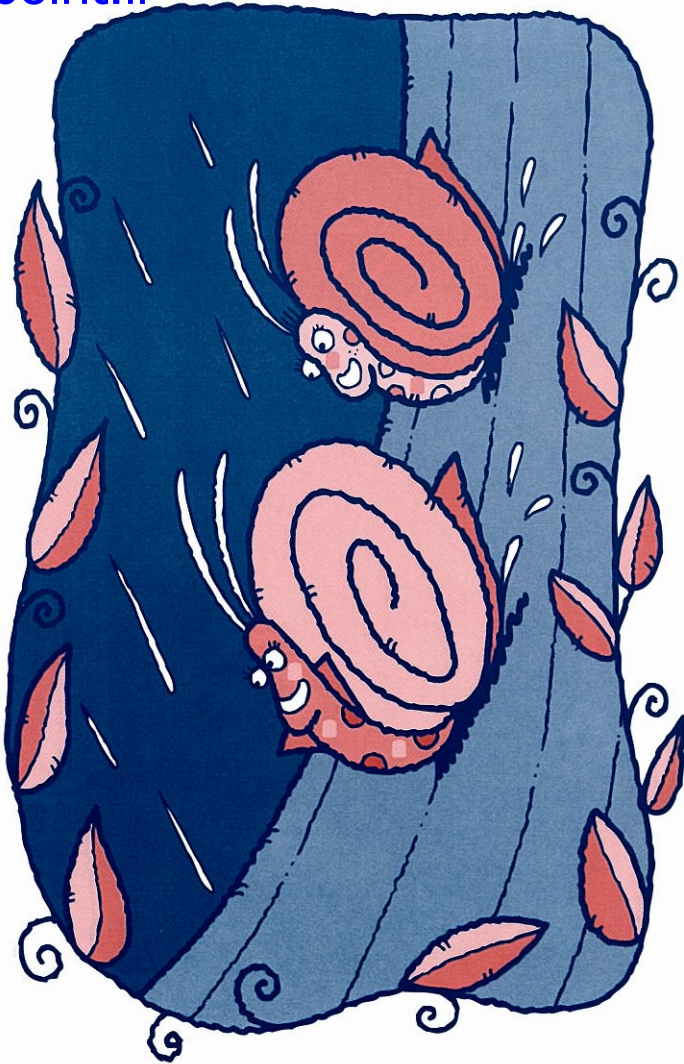
When they reached the top, Wally said, "Now you may look down."



“Wow!” Fay said. She wasn’t afraid.
“It’s wonderful!” It was. Everything
was so far away and small.



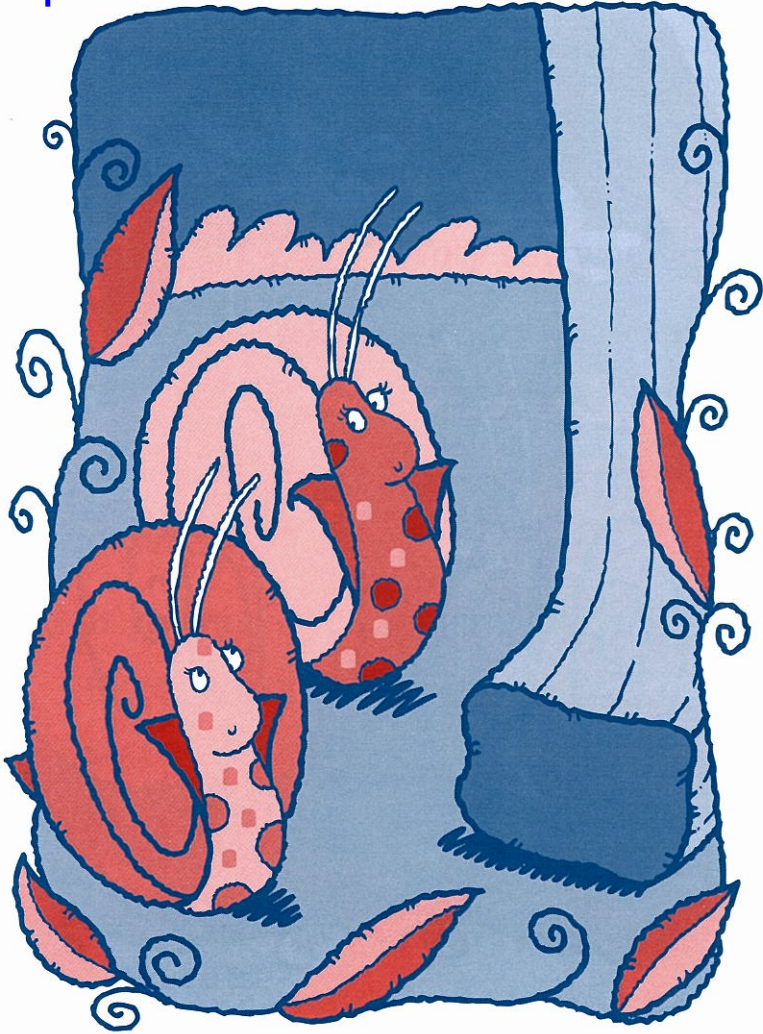
The trail was just a thin strip. The train looked like a plaything. The far-away bay seemed like a puddle.



Then it got gray and rainy. “Let’s ride the rain down the drain!” said Fay. The snails hurried to the drain.

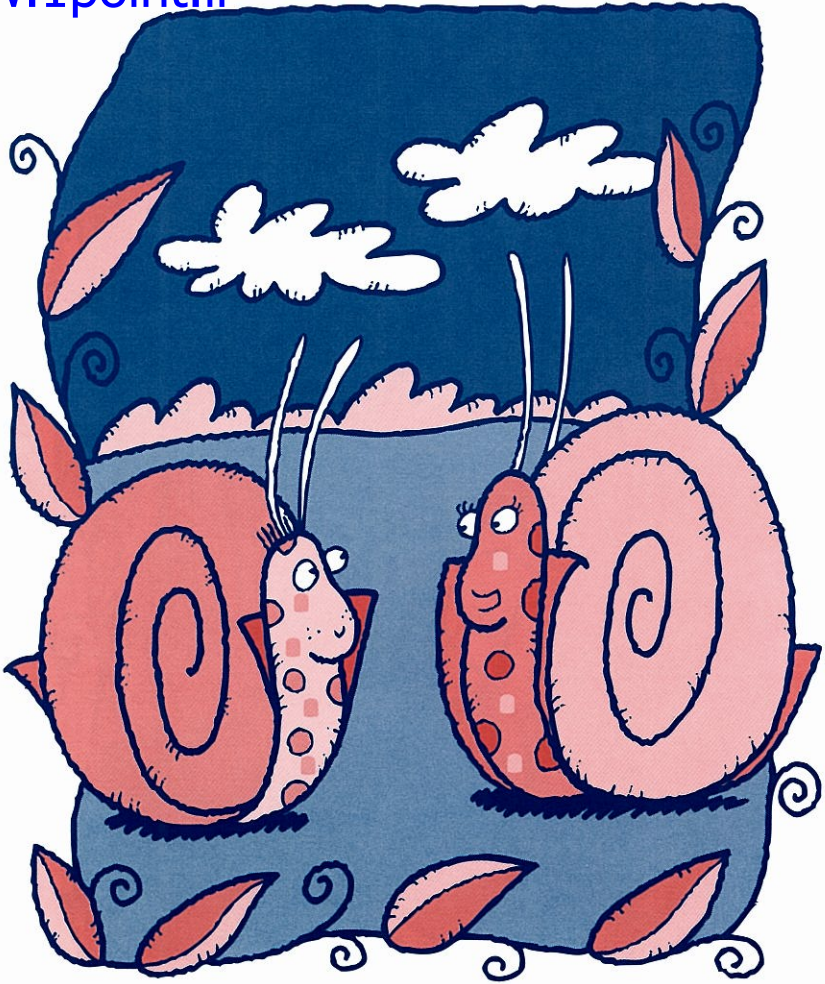


Fay and Wally got caught in the rain and slid down the drainpipe.



“Were we way up there?” Fay asked Wally.

“Yes. Wasn’t it great?”



“Wally, I will never see the world the same way again. I’d like to go again.”

“Any day,” said Wally.

Think and Respond

- 1 How does Fay feel at first about going up the drain?
- 2 What do Fay and Wally see when they look down from the top?
- 3 What happens after the rain begins?
- 4 Do you think the snails will go up the drain again? Why?
- 5 If you had been Fay or Wally at the top of the drain, would you have been scared or happy? Tell why.



Rhyme Time Read the story again. Find the words that sound like the word *day*. *Fay* is one. See how many others you can find. Make a list.



School-Home Connection Look for a place outside where snails might live. Make a list of all the things you see in that area. Divide the list into living and nonliving things.