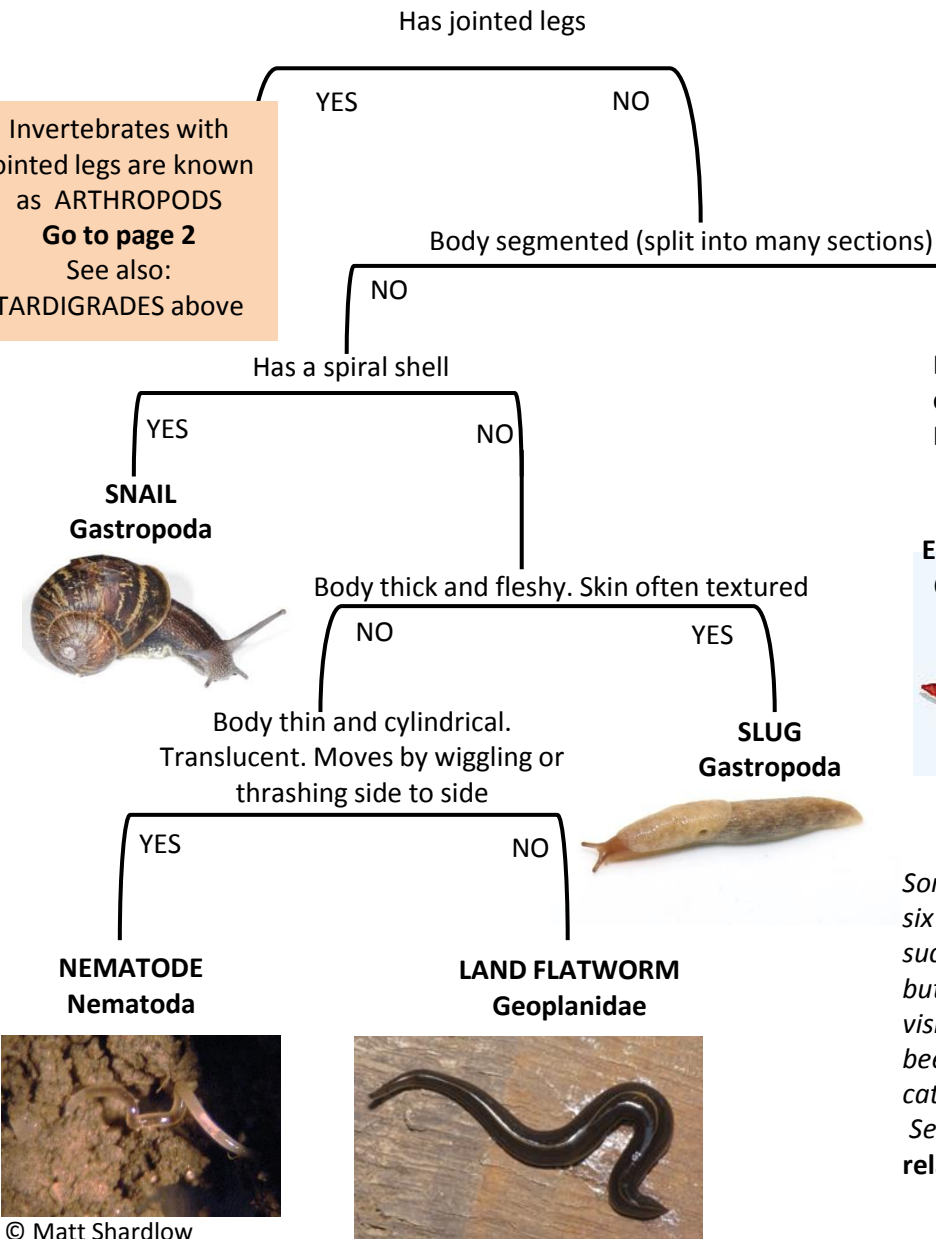


Basic key to Land Invertebrates in the UK

Invertebrates with jointed legs are known as **ARTHROPODS**
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Under the Microscope



TARDIGRADE

Flexible, segmented bodies with 8 legs equipped with curved claws.



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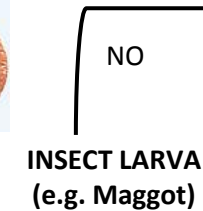
Tubular or flask-shaped, transparent body with a gaping mouth surrounded by beating hairs

Some invertebrates in the main key are also microscopic

Body long, thin, flesh-coloured and mostly cylindrical. Tail end may be slightly flattened. May have a thick 'saddle' towards head end.



Wet skin. Thick, fleshy body of more than 15 segments. Moves by stretching and hunching along using suckers at each end.



Some insect larvae have six jointed legs and sucker-like prolegs but these may not be visible from above (e.g. beetles, sawflies and caterpillars).

See Key to insects and relatives for more detail.



UK leeches live in water but some travel across land between water bodies.

