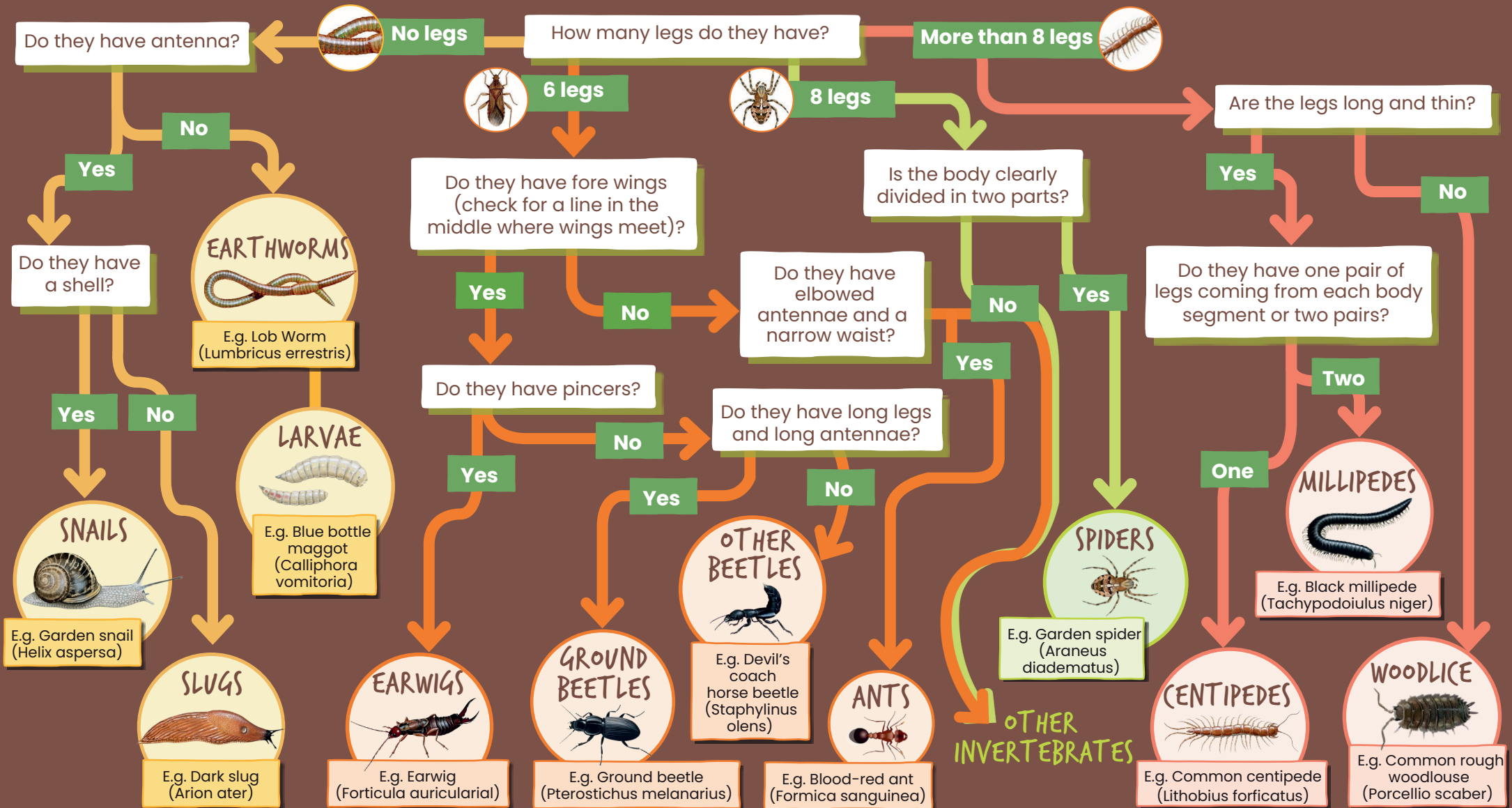


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A quick way to identify which types of ground dwellers you might be looking at are the numbers of legs.



Something else?

Here are other species you might encounter under your tiles...

FLYING INVERTEBRATES

SOLITARY BEES



- Hairy, but less hairy than bumblebees
- Elongated shape
- Colours more muted than bumblebees

BUMBLEBEES



- Tail will be either white, red or ginger
- Very hairy!

HONEYBEES



- Wide and flattened hind leg often with pollen in it
- Colour varies from bright orange striped to nearly all black

WASPS



- Some wasps are very dark or very small
- Narrow waist
- Legs are narrow all the way along

NON-INVERTEBRATES



LIZARDS

Lizards are small, terrestrial reptiles with scaly skin and usually four legs. They can range in size from a few centimetres to over a metre, depending on the species.



NEWTS

Slender and elongated body shape, with a tail. Smooth and often slimy skin, due to their aquatic nature. Four limbs, usually of equal size.

Long and cylindrical body shape, without limbs. Smooth or keeled scales, with a shiny appearance. Eyes: often have vertical slit pupils (though some species have round pupils).



SNAKES



SLOW WORM

Elongated and cylindrical body shape, similar to snakes. Legless lizard, but distinguishable from snakes by the presence of vestigial limbs (hardly visible). Smooth and shiny skin. More blunt head and less fluid movement than snakes.

Telling frogs & toads apart

Toads have dry, warty skin and tend to live in drier environments. Frogs typically have smooth skin and are more often found in wet, aquatic environments.



TOADS

Stocky and squat with short legs. Rough and warty skin, usually in shades of brown, green, or grey. Often more prominent eyes than frogs.



FROGS

Short, squat body with a broad head. Long, powerful hind legs designed for jumping. Smooth or slightly warty skin, usually green, brown, or grey.



RODENTS

Small to medium-sized body shape, with a rounded hairy body and long tail. Prominent, large, and sharp incisor teeth.