Activity 1: **Prediction**

Look at the front cover and talk about what you can see, then using these questions to help you, can you predict what is going to happen.

*What do you think will happen in this story?*
*If the characters/animals were speaking what might they be saying?*
*Does this remind you of any other stories you know?*

Read the story stopping at key points:

- When the whale says 'Come sail with me' and When the whale is beached can you predict what will happen next, focusing on the snail’s decisions and choices:
  
  *Should he have gone with the whale?*
  *What would the other snails have said to him would you go if you were him?*
  *What could the snail do to help the whale?*
  *Why was he so determined to help?*
  *What would you do if you were the snail?*
  *How will the story end?*

Read to the end of the story.