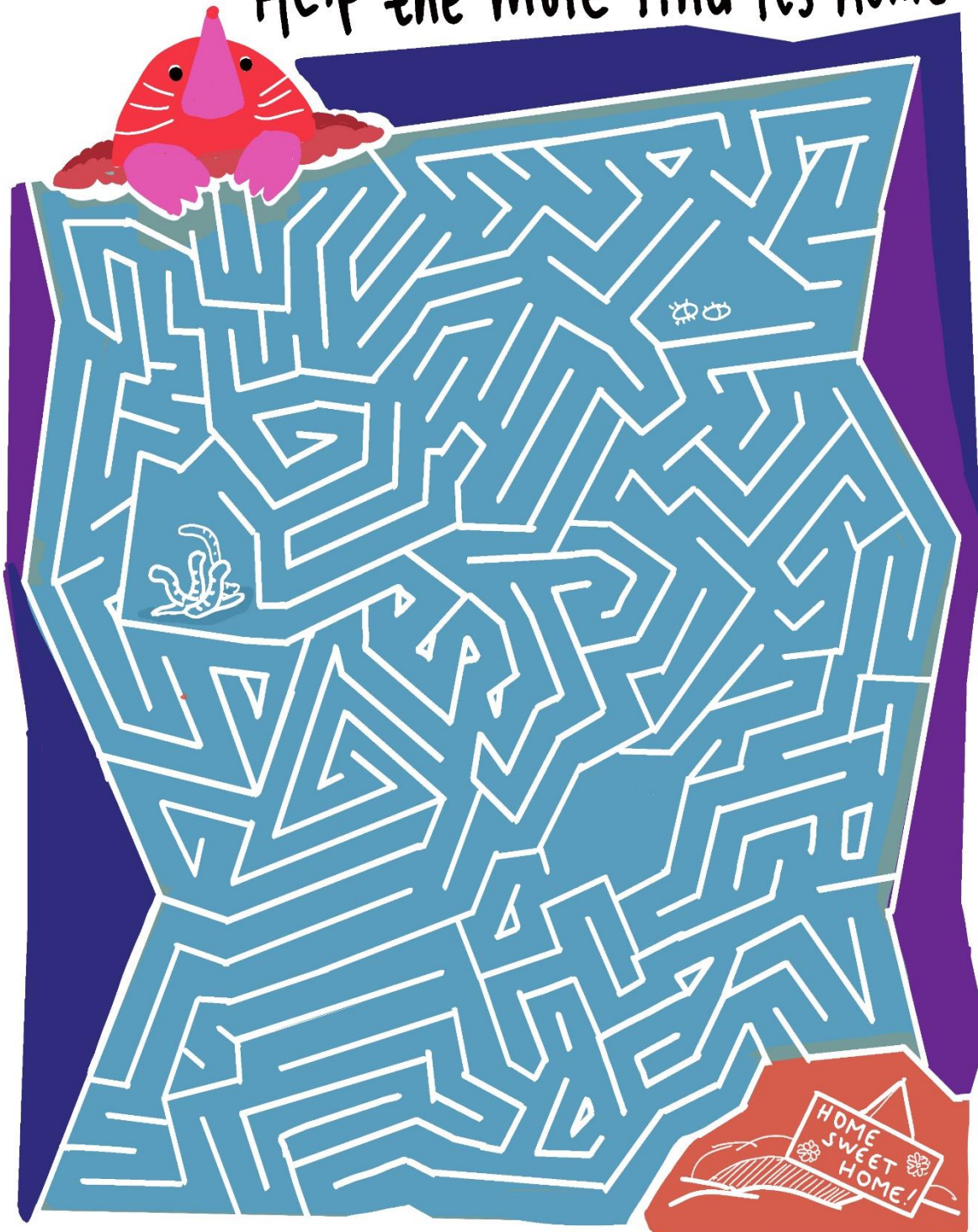


# Help the mole find its home



## Magnificent Moles!

**Moles live almost their whole lives underground!**

**They have tiny eyes and cannot see very well but have an amazing sense of touch – especially on their noses – their noses are six times more sensitive than human hands!**

**They have soft, velvety fur that does not catch dirt as they move through the soil!**

**They have five fingers with claws and one thumb on their front paws that help them to dig through the soil – they can dig up to 160 feet of tunnels in one night!**

**Moles eat insects, worms, and slugs – they can eat up to 50 pounds of worms in a year!**

**Moles are beneficial to our ecosystems – by tunnelling, they loosen the soil which helps plants to grow and allows water to filter through. They also eat many insects and slugs that can be pests.**

**The Townsend Mole is the biggest mole in the Willamette Valley of Oregon and is about 8 – 9 inches long.**