

The snail should have felt right at home on the railroad embankment. Since the grass there wasn't mowed, it was a paradise for snails.

But our snail wasn't happy. Every half hour, a train thundered by. The noise was awful. The snail had to retreat into its shell every time. It became aggressive.

Finally, the snail had had enough of the racket. "I'm going to put a stop to that noise!" it said, crawling between the railroad tracks. It stretched out its feelers menacingly as it saw the train appearing in the distance.



"I'll knock you down!" it shouted in a rage. The train roared up and ran right over the snail.

The snail turned around and watched as the train grew smaller and smaller. The snail called after it, "....."  
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**Suggestions:**

- "If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands."
- "Game over. Press button restart."
- "We snails are great."
- "The train is late again."
- "The rest is silence."
- "Run away, you coward!"
- "Don't worry, be happy!"
- "Out of sight, out of mind."

**FIND THE SYNONYMS:**

<b>the grass</b>	the wood	<b>the lawn</b>	the sky
<b>a showdown</b>	a sunset	a rest	a fight
<b>to mow</b>	to cut	to cry	to drink
<b>paradise</b>	home	hell	heaven
<b>racket</b>	noise	silence	whisper
<b>awful</b>	lovely	terrible	nice
<b>retreat</b>	withdraw	advance	stay
<b>crawl</b>	dive	fly	creep
<b>shout</b>	call	whisper	tell
<b>watch</b>	go	observe	bring
<b>grow</b>	become	pay	forget
<b>small</b>	little	giant	dirty
<b>call</b>	shout	wait	walk
<b>rage</b>	laugh	fury	sleep
<b>coward</b>	fighter	hero	chicken heart