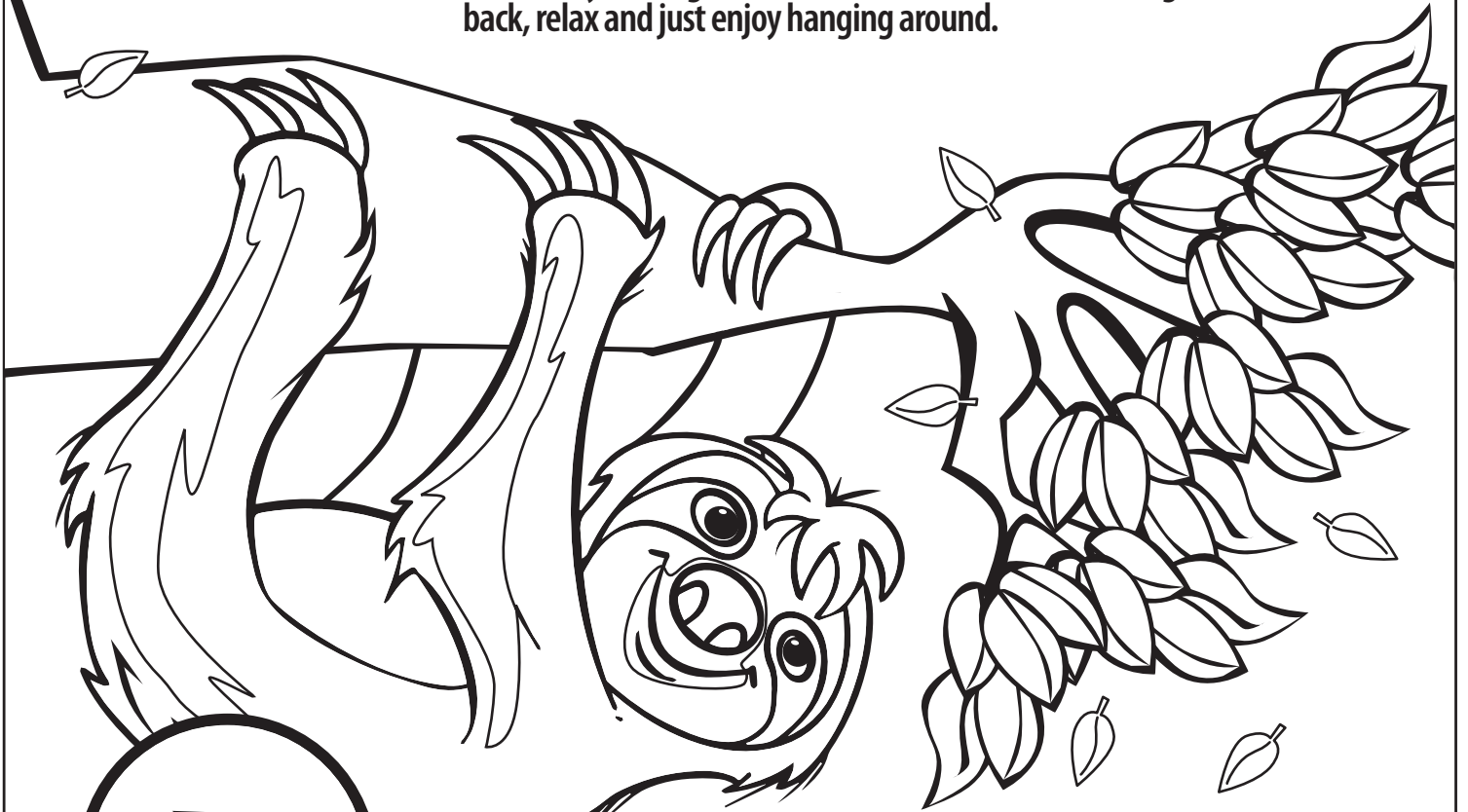




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# Hang Out with a Sloth

In a sloth's life, slow is the word. They're the great reminders that sometimes it's a good idea to kick back, relax and just enjoy hanging around.



## Green Fur?

Sloths move so slowly that algae and fungi grow on them. This is a good thing because the algae makes their fur look a bit green. This helps to camouflage them when they are hanging from branches in the rainforest.

## Sloth Diet

Sloths eat very slowly. They eat mostly leaves and fruit. Because they move so slowly, they don't go looking for watering holes. They get their water from the fruits and leaves they eat.

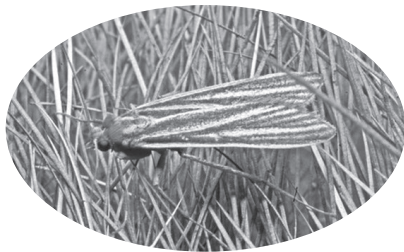
Sloths digest food slowly. It can take up to a month for a sloth to digest a single meal, according to the Jacksonville Zoo in Florida.



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## Super Slow

While on the ground, three-toed sloths travel at just 6–8 ft (1.8–2.4m) per minute. They're slightly quicker in the rainforest canopy, where they can whiz by at speeds of 15 ft (4.6m) per minute! Even at their fastest, they still move five times slower than a drifting iceberg.



There is a little moth that only lives on a sloth. It feeds on the algae that grows in the sloth's fur.

How many leaves can you find on these pages? Have a friend try. Who found the most?



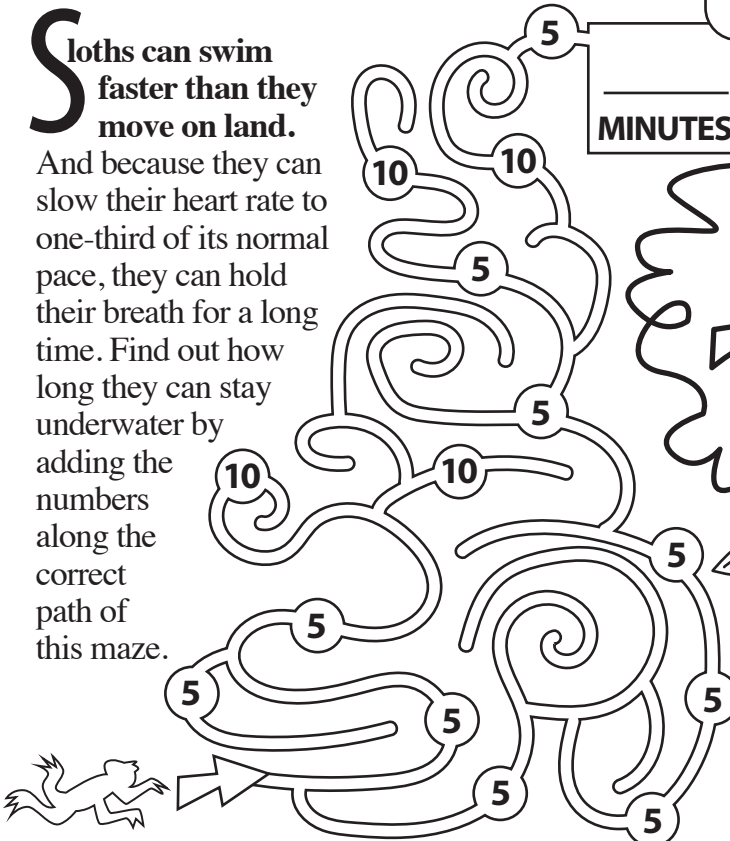
We sloths rarely come down from the trees because on the ground is when we're most easily caught by predators. Once a week, we descend for one reason. Why? Circle every other letter to discover the answer!

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**S**loths can swim faster than they move on land.

And because they can slow their heart rate to one-third of its normal pace, they can hold their breath for a long time. Find out how long they can stay underwater by adding the numbers along the correct path of this maze.





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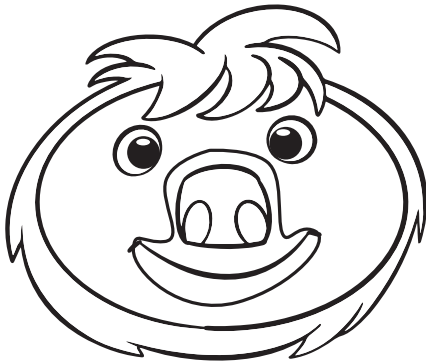
## Kid Scoop Together:

Fill in the missing words from the list below.

- SOUTH
- CLAWS
- SMILING
- HELP
- BONES
- BIGGER
- SPECIES
- STUDY

## Sloth Facts

There are two main \_\_\_\_\_ of sloth. One has two and the other three \_\_\_\_\_ on their front feet. The two species look a lot alike.



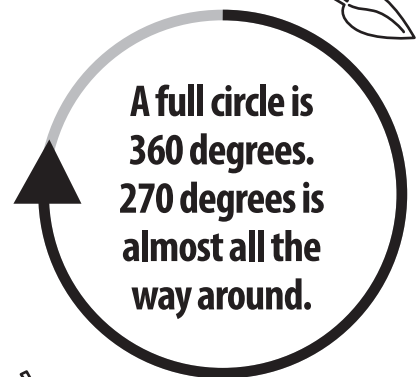
Two-toed sloths are slightly \_\_\_\_\_. Three-toed sloths have markings on their faces that make them look like they're always \_\_\_\_\_.



They also have two extra neck \_\_\_\_\_, allowing them to turn their heads 270 degrees!

### Where do they live?

Sloths live in Central and \_\_\_\_\_ America.



### Life-saving sloths?

A recent \_\_\_\_\_ shows that some species of fungi found in sloth fur might \_\_\_\_\_ to cure certain kinds of cancer.



## Sloth: More Than One Meaning

Sloth is the name of one of the world's slowest moving animals. And it is a word that means lazy, slow-moving, lack of effort. Look through the newspaper for three or more other words that have more than one meaning. Cut out each word and write down its different meanings.

**Standards Link:** Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.



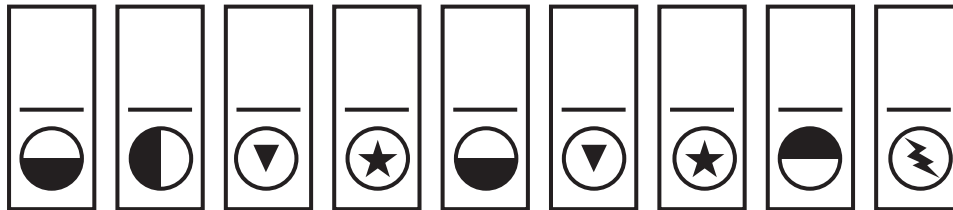
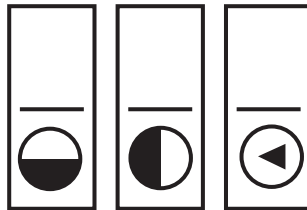
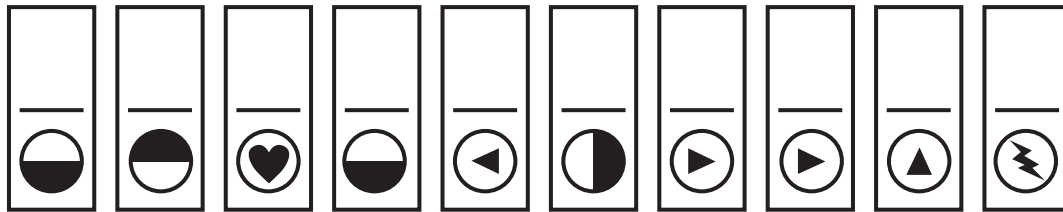
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## Puzzler



### Who are relatives of sloths?

With their long arms and shaggy fur, they look a bit like monkeys, but they are actually related to another group of animals. Use the code to discover the answer.



#### CODE

- A =
- D =
- E =
- I =
- L =
- M =
- N =
- O =
- P =
- R =
- S =
- T =

### VOCABULARY BUILDERS

#### SPECIES

The noun **species** means a class of living things of the same kind.

Not all **species** of spiders are poisonous.

Try to use the word **species** in a sentence today when talking with friends and family.



### What do sloths like to read?

ANSWER: Snooze papers!



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## The Lion's Tale

Write a story about a lion. It can be about a sad lion or a happy lion, a brave lion or a cowardly lion. You decide.

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### Take Your Time

Slow down while you read an article in today's paper. With a green marker, underline the **who** and **what** the article is about. Circle the words that tell you **when** and **where**.

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Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write a narrative that develops



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## Kid Scoop Jumbo Word Search

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.  
Then see how many of these words you can find in today's newspaper.

CAMOUFLAGE

HANGING

MONKEYS

SPECIES

CANOPY

CAUGHT

SHAGGY

SLOTH

ALGAE

FUNGI

MOTHS

GREEN

CURE

LAZY

WHIZ



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E	G	A	L	F	U	O	M	A	C

**Standards Link:** Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words.  
Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.