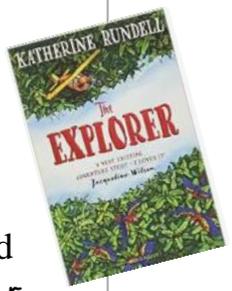


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“The animal on the branch let out a mew like a cat. It was grey-brown with a cream face, a dog-like snout and immense black eyes. Its arms were long and chicken-bone thin, ending in curved claws. It was small enough to cup in your hands...

‘It’s a sloth,’ said Lila. Her voice was hushed with awe. ‘A baby sloth.’” p108 *The Explorer*



Read the article SUPER SLOTHS. Answer the following questions in full sentences and using accurate punctuation.

1) In our book, *The Explorer*, which character finds and looks after a baby sloth? [1]

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2) What type of animal is a sloth and what are the two types of sloth? [3]

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3) What is the longest time a sloth can sleep for? [1].....

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4) Which statements are true and which are false? Tick the boxes [3]

	True	False
Sloths are faster on the ground than in the trees		
It takes a sloth over an hour to eat one meal		
Sloths can swim		

5) How often does a sloth leave the trees they live in? Why do they leave their trees? [2]

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6) What do sloths eat and how long does it take a sloth to digest a meal? [2]

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7) In the wild, how long does the average sloth live? [1]

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8) Look up the word 'vulnerable' in a dictionary. Write the definition below: [1]

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9) Re-read the paragraph 'Life in the slow lane'. Which characteristic makes the sloth a vulnerable creature? Why would this make the sloth vulnerable? [2]

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10) Using what you have read and learnt from the fact file, write a short description of a sloth, using at least three key characteristics. [3]

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Extension:

Check out the SLOTH APPRECIATION SOCIETY website, created by real-life Explorer and zoologist LUCY COOKE.



www.slothville.com

Learn more about Sloths, browse Lucy's beautiful sloth photographs and watch her amazing sloth videos!

You can even join the Sloth Appreciation Society and receive a free certificate - Make sure you ask permission from an adult before signing up.

Here's a checklist to help you navigate around this sloth-tastic website. (Use the main menu as a starting point.)

- I watched a 60 second video of SLOTH SQUEAKS
- In the 'WHAT IS A SLOTH?' section I found out the sloth's closest relatives are
- In 'ABOUT' I watched Lucy Cooke's SLOTHS ON TOUR video and learnt even more about the incredible sloth!
- I joined the Sloth Appreciation Society!

**Well done!
Don't forget to
hand in your
homework!**



ANSWERS

1. In our book, *The Explorer*, which character finds and looks after a baby sloth? [1] *Lila*
2. What type of animal is a sloth and what are the two types of sloth? [3] *A sloth is a tropical mammal. There are two types, the two-toed and the three-toed sloth.*
3. What is the longest time a sloth can sleep for? [1] *20 hours*
4. Which statements are true and which are false? Tick the boxes [3]

	True	False
Sloths are faster on the ground than in the trees		X
It takes a sloth over an hour to eat one meal	X	
Sloths can swim	X	

5. How often does a sloth leave the trees they live in? Why do they leave their trees? [2]
Once a week
To go to the toilet
6. What do sloths eat and how long does it take a sloth to digest a meal? [2]
Plants, leaves and fruit
Over a month to digest a meal
7. In the wild, how long does the average sloth live? [1] *27 years*
8. Look up the word 'vulnerable' in a dictionary. Write the definition below: [1] *Exposed to the possibility of being attacked or harmed, either physically or emotionally.*

9. Re-read the paragraph 'Life in the slow lane'. Which characteristic makes the sloth a vulnerable creature? Why would this make the sloth vulnerable? [2] Sloths are vulnerable because they:

Move less than 10 feet a minute

Sleep up to 20 hours a day

Can take over an hour to eat a meal

10) Using what you have read and learnt from the fact file, write a short description of a sloth, using at least three key characteristics. [3]

- Warm-blooded animals that live in the tropics
- Two or three toed sloths
- Sleep curled up or upside down
- Too weak to move to keep warm, instead have thick coat
- Coat helps them stay hidden (camouflaged) in the forest.
- Herbivores - eat plants
- Four separate sections in the stomach
- Can sleep from 9-20 hours a day
- Good swimmers