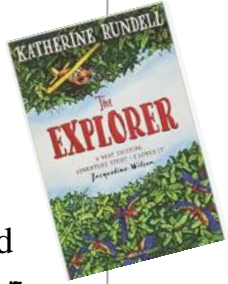


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“The animal on the branch let out a mew like a cat. It was grey-brown with a cream face, a dog-like snout and immense black eyes. Its arms were long and chicken-bone thin, ending in curved claws. It was small enough to cup in your hands...

‘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](http://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