Sloths live in the rainforest. They are the world’s slowest animals. They are so slow that green algae grows on their fur. This may sound funny, but it is also helpful. The green algae helps sloths blend in with rainforest plants. This lets them hide from hunters. This is important because sloths are slow. They are too slow to run. Sloths really like to sleep. They are only awake for about 4 hours a day! No wonder they move so slowly. Think of how slow you are when you first wake up in the morning!

Sloths are special in other ways, too. They have long arms. They hang upside down from tree branches, like monkeys. Their eyes and nose look like a bear’s. They have either 2 or 3 toes with long nails. They can even turn their heads almost completely around in a circle, like an owl!
1. Where do sloths live?
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2. What can grow on a sloth’s fur?
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   a. Blend in with the plants
   b. Get food to eat
   c. Hide from hunters

4. What do sloths like to do?
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5. Why are sloths special? Give at least 1 reason.
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6. Write a question that you have about the sloths. Use a question word like who, what, where, when or why.
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