

Sloths

- 1 Look at pages 6–7. Why do you think the author included the word ‘Zzzzz ...’?
- 2 Turn to page 8. Why do sloths rarely come down from the trees? What makes it difficult for other animals to spot sloths up in the trees?
- 3 Look at the pictures on pages 10–11. What can you see? How do the pictures help you to understand the text? What do the labels do?
- 4 Look at pages 18–19. What extra information does the text in the blue box give about sloths? Look through the book and find some more fact boxes.
- 5 Read about Sloth Survival on pages 26–27. Write a definition for the word ‘predator’.
- 6 Turn to pages 28–29. Do you think the author wants people to protect sloths? Why? Do you feel the same way?
- 7 Look at the glossary and the index. What do you notice about the order in which the words are listed? Do you find this helpful? Why?

Answers

- 1 to help show that the sloths are fast asleep
- 2 They have enough food up in the trees; sloths move very slowly.
- 3 Sloths hanging on tree branches; the pictures show what the things described in the text look like; the labels show different parts of the sloth's body.
- 4 It goes with the picture and adds more information about how sloths swim; answers will vary.
- 5 an animal that hunts other animals for food
- 6 Yes, because he says "hopefully more sloths can sleep safely for many years to come"; answers will vary.
- 7 Alphabetical order; answers will vary.