SLOTH COMPREHENSION

In The Speedy Sloth Spike is a three toed sloth. Read the information below about 3 toed sloths and then see if you can answer the questions about them to learn more about these amazing creatures.

Found in the tropical forests of Central and South America there are two main species of sloth. The two-toed and three-toed sloth are named for how many claws they have on their front feet. They both have 3 toes on their back 2 feet.

Both types of sloths have four long arms and shaggy fur, roundish heads, tiny ears and stubby tails. Two-toed sloths are slightly bigger and spend more of their time hanging upside-down than three-toed sloths who often sit upright in the fork of a tree. Three-toed sloths have facial colouring that makes them look like they're always smiling. They also have two extra neck vertebrae that allows them to turn their heads almost in a full circle!

Sloth's claws grow up to 10cms long so they can hang onto branches easily but these make it hard for them to walk on the ground. They sleep for 15 to 18 hours per day and hunt for food slowly at night. When they find food such as leaves, stems, buds or fruit it can take up to a month for their 4 stomachs to digest their food.

Where do sloths live?

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What are the 2 types of sloths?

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How long can sloth's claws grow? Draw a line that length at the bottom of the page.

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How many hours a day are sloths awake?

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What do sloths eat?

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