**Sloth facts[[1]](#footnote-1)**

* Sloths are very lazy animals; they spend most of the time hanging upside down from the branches.
* They are tropical mammals.
* They live in Central and South America.
* There are 2 species of sloths – those with two or with three claws on their front feet.
* They have long claws, like hooks, that help them hang.
* They spend 90 percent of their time turned upside down.
* They can turn their heads 270⁰.
* They weigh up to 8 kilogrammes.
* They have teeth in their cheecks.
* Sloths have algae on their hair, so they are sometimes green; this helps them hide from the predators
* They eat leaves and fruit; Sloths also eat algae that grows out of their own fur
* Their stomach digests food very slowly (it takes a month to digest one meal)
* They are not very social animals; their way of hanging out with other sloths is sleeping in the same tree.
* Female sloths have only one baby at the time.
* Sloths can swim very well; they move faster when they are in water than they do on land,
* Sloths come down the trees about once a week and they do that in order to poop

1. Discussed with the students of Class 6.a [↑](#footnote-ref-1)