

READING JUICE *for KIDS*

Non-fiction Reading in Science and Social Studies

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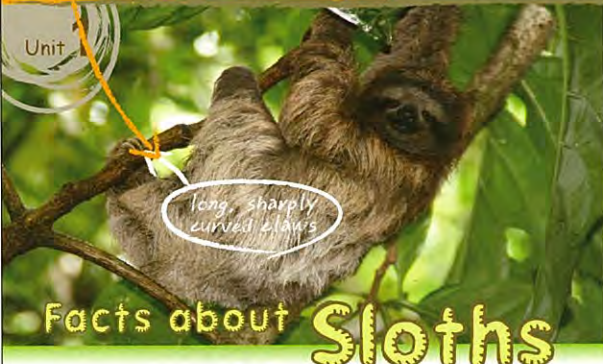


About Reading Juice for Kids Series

Photo allows to start the lesson smoothly and engage students into reading.

Passage provides methodically written non-fiction articles to broaden students' knowledge in school subjects of science and social studies.

Unit



Facts about Sloths

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Get Ready

1. Which animals are slower or faster than humans?

slower than humans	humans	faster than humans
sloth	cheetah	dog
turtle	ostrich	

2. Listen and repeat the sentences.

- It is a **fact** that the Earth is round.
- Bats live **upside down** in a cave.
- Your birthday is the day your mom **gave birth** to you.
- Monkeys are **hanging** from the tree.
- If a road is **curved**, it is not straight.

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right above Sloths



Sloths are the world's slowest animal. They need one minute to move two meters. Here are some other facts about sloths.

Sloths live upside down in trees. They sleep and eat upside down. Mother sloths even give birth to their babies while hanging upside down! Their long, sharply curved claws help them not to fall out of the tree.

Sloths sometimes walk on the ground. They come down to go to the bathroom or to move to another tree. But they only do that once or twice a week because walking is very dangerous for them. It is easier for enemies to catch sloths on the ground. Jaguars and eagles like to eat sloths.

By the way, if you want to watch a sloth move, you will have to wait a long time. This is because sloths sleep for 18 hours a day!



Get Ready

Background Knowledge activates students into talking to predict the main idea of the passage with their prior knowledge about the topic.

Vocabulary introduces the key words of the passage in sentences with listening practice. The English definition of each word appears in the Glossary on page 78.

Build Vocabulary confirms the meaning of the key words in various contexts with questions in test format.

Check Comprehension

Choose the correct answers.

- What is the passage mainly about?
 - a the days of lazy sloths
 - b the life of slow sloths
 - c the birth of baby sloths
- What helps a sloth hang from the tree?



long tail



long claw



strong arm
- According to the passage, which is true?
 - a Sloths move four meters in one minute.
 - b It is easy to watch sloths move.
 - c Jaguars love to eat sloths.

Fill in the blanks.

- Sloths give birth to their babies while hanging _____.
- Sloths walk on the ground to _____ to another tree.

Build Vocabulary

Complete the sentences.

facts hang give birth to curved

- Why don't we _____ a swing from the big tree in the yard?
- Give me the scientific _____, then I will believe you.
- Slow down! That road is sharply _____ to the right.
- Gorillas usually _____ one baby.

Organize Information

Complete the graphic organizer.

Sloths in Different Places

sloths in the tree	- live _____ _____ for 18 hours a day
sloths _____	- walk really slow - come down once or twice a week - are _____ because of jaguars and eagles

sleep
 in danger

on the ground
 upside down

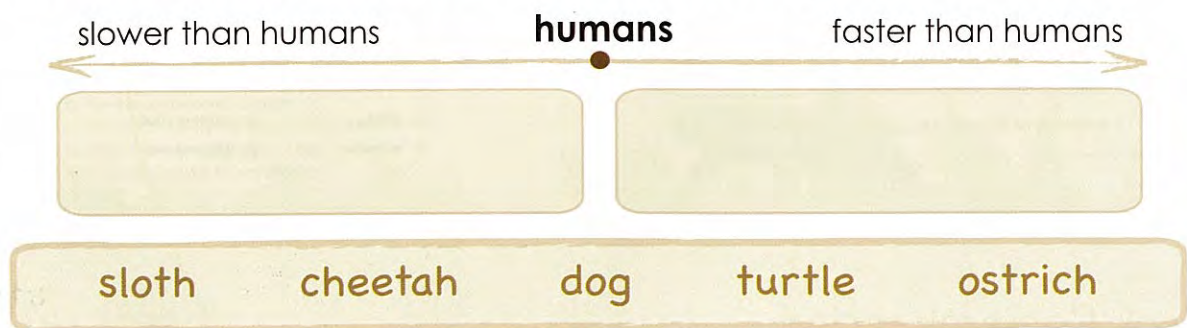
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