

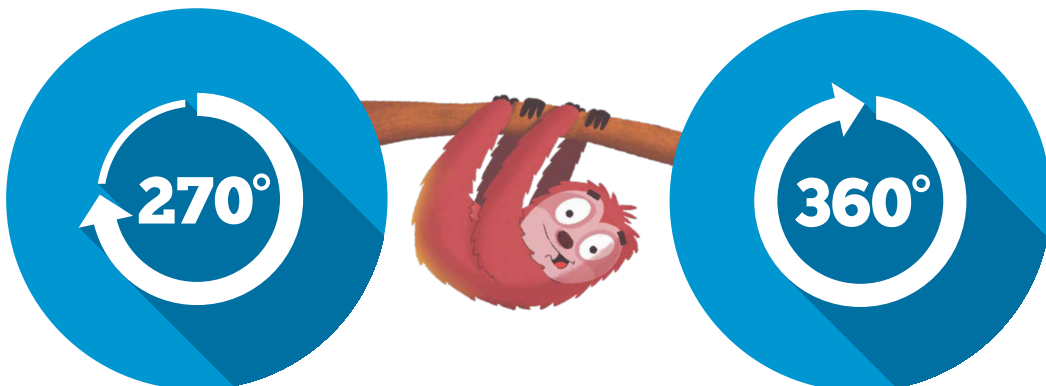
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LIVE LIKE A SLOTH!

Sloths and humans are very different creatures! Try out what sloth life would be like.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- **playground equipment (optional)**
 - **a piece of chalk**
 - **measuring tape**
 - **a timer**
- If you have somewhere to hang safely upside down, like playground equipment, give it a try! How long can you last? Have a friend time you. If you don't have playground equipment, just lie on the floor. How does the room look different when you're upside down?
 - Take the sloth challenge! Use a measuring tape and chalk to mark off 6.5 feet (2 meters). Have a friend time how long it takes you to walk that distance. Then set a timer for 1 minute. Can you move slowly enough to stay within the chalk lines for that minute? Try doing other things at a sloth's pace.
 - Unlike people, sloths do not have front teeth. To eat, they smack their hard lips together. Think about your favorite foods. Which foods would you be able to eat like a sloth? Which would be hard, or even impossible, to eat as a sloth?
 - Sloths can turn their heads 270 degrees to see where they are going. That's two-thirds of the way around! Humans don't have anywhere near that range. Test it out yourself. Have friends stand around you in a curve. Turn your head. Who can you see? Who can't you see? Then use a mirror. Can you see each person with the mirror's help?



WHO LIVES IN THE RAINFOREST?

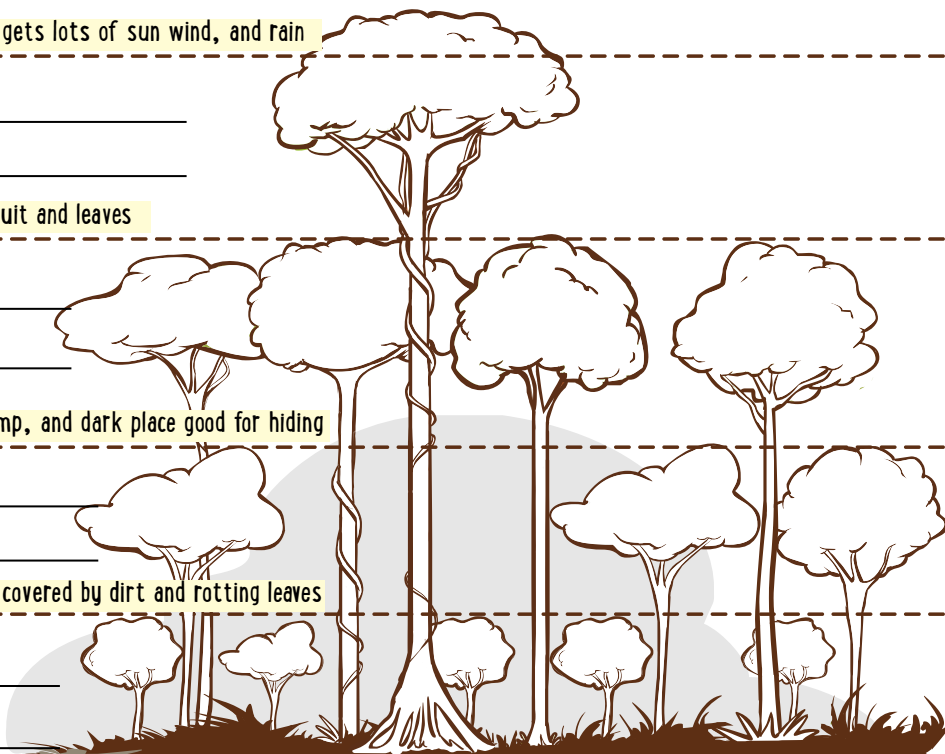
Sloths live in the rainforest. The rainforest is made up of four different layers. Sloths spend most of their time in the canopy layer. But there are millions of other animals that live in the rainforest, too. Match each animal to where it lives in the rainforest. Then look at the list of features below and figure out why it lives in that layer.

Emergent: the top layer gets lots of sun wind, and rain

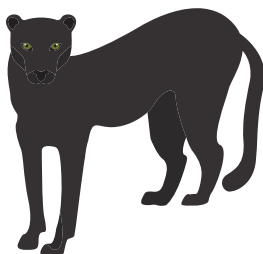
Canopy: sunny, full of fruit and leaves

Understory: a warm, damp, and dark place good for hiding

Forest Floor: very dark, covered by dirt and rotting leaves



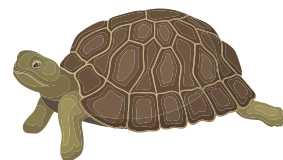
sloth



jaguar



parrots



tortoise

FEATURES:

likes to fly through the sky

not a good climber, but likes to dig in the dirt

eats leaves and fruits that need sunlight to grow

likes to climb and uses camouflage to hunt

Answer key:
Emergent: parrot, likes to fly through the sky
Canopy: sloth, eats leaves and fruits that need sunlight to grow
Understory: jaguar, likes to climb and uses camouflage to hunt
Forest Floor: tortoise, not a good climber, but likes to dig in the dirt