My Sloth Fact File

Read the sloth fact page, then fill in your fact file.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Draw a sloth

Sloth facts

Size: _____

Weight: _____

Lifespan: _____

Diet: _____

Habitat: _____

Where: _____

Status: _____

Match the word to its meaning

1. canopy ____	A. colors or patterns that help an animal blend in
2. metabolism ____	B. tiny plant-like living things that can grow in water or damp places
3. algae ____	C. how fast an animal's body uses energy
4. camouflage ____	D. the leafy top layer of a forest
5. herbivore ____	E. an animal that eats only plants

The most amazing thing I learned about sloths

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Answer Key

Sloth Fact File

Sloth facts

Scientific name:	Genera Choloepus and Bradypus
Size:	About 1.5–2.5 ft (45–75 cm) long
Weight:	About 8–20 lb (4–9 kg)
Lifespan:	Wild unknown; zoo record 54 years
Diet:	Leaves, shoots, buds and fruit
Habitat:	Tropical rainforest treetops
Where:	Central and South America
Status:	Varies; pygmy sloth Crit. Endangered

Accept any answer that matches the fact page; sizes and lifespans are approximate.

Word match

1–D, 2–C, 3–B, 4–A, 5–E

Wow facts to share

- A sloth may take up to a month to digest one meal of leaves.
- Three-toed sloths can turn their heads about 270 degrees.
- Green algae grow in sloth fur and help them hide in the trees.