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Reading - Quiz

Slow Down! 15 Fantastic Facts about Sloths 2

Do some research to answer these quiz questions about sloths – the slowest mammals on earth:

1. Sloths sleep for around hours per day.
a) twenty b) ten c) two d) fifteen
2. Sloths exist on a diet of
a) bugs and grubs b) leaves, twigs, and buds c) leaves, twigs, and bugs d) ants
3. Sloths are threatened by in Central and South America.
a) tourism b) retirees c) deforestation d) tree-climbing lizards
4. Perhaps unfairly, sloths are considered to be the animals in the world.
a) cutest b) fastest c) laziest d) best
5. Sloths stay high up in the forest canopy to avoid predators like jaguars and
a) anacondas b) alligators c) lions d) buffalo
6. Around ten thousand years ago, ancient sloths could grow to the size of an
a) orange b) orangutan c) office d) Asian elephant
7. Sloths are colour-blind and generally have eyesight.
a) normal b) poor c) remarkably good d) enormous
8. Although sloths fall out of trees, they usually land without injury.
a) always b) seldom c) fairly d) regularly
9. Sloths can hold their breath underwater for up to minutes.
a) forty b) four c) twenty d) fifty
10. Sloths have the scientific name Bradypus, meaning in Greek.
a) 'slow eat' b) 'slow feet' c) 'slow sloth' d) 'slow cat'
11. Most sloths usually look like they are smiling contentedly, despite feeling a range of
emotions. This is due to their
a) personality b) demeanour c) cheerfulness d) facial structure
12. Sloths can turn their 270 degrees, giving them an almost 360-degree
view. This feature is unique to sloths.
a) leaves b) heads c) legs d) eyes
13. The fur of sloths provides a home for up to a thousand at any one time
a) ladybirds b) moths and beetles c) birds' eggs d) wiggly worms
14. Sloths have long which makes it difficult to walk on the ground, but
they are ideal for climbing trees.
a) legs b) feet c) arms d) claws
15. Certain chemicals produced by microbes in the of sloths have been
found to be beneficial in the fight against breast cancer.
a) toes b) armpits c) elbows d) fur