The Slow and Sleepy Sloth

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Read the passage. Answer the questions in complete sentences.

Sloths live high in the trees of rainforests in Central and South America. They hang upside down from branches using long, curved claws. They even eat and sleep upside down!

Sloths move very slowly. Moving slowly helps them save energy, and it helps them stay hidden. Tiny plants called **algae** can grow in sloth fur and make it look a little green. That helps sloths blend in with the leaves.

A sloth climbs down from its tree only about once a week, to go to the bathroom. Here is a surprise: sloths are good swimmers!

1. Where do sloths live?

2. Why can sloth fur look a little green?

3. How often does a sloth climb down from its tree?

4. Write one word that describes a sloth.

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