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What I know about maned sloths:

What I wonder about maned sloths:

Where can I look to learn more?



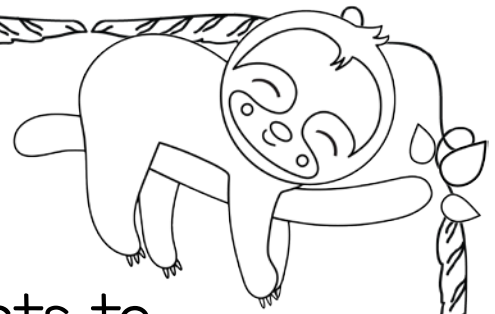
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What words and phrases could I use to describe maned sloths?



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Did you know?

Can you find interesting facts to share about the maned sloth?



Introduction

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What is your favorite animal?

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Mine is the maned sloth.

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Many people like them because they look cute and cuddly in pictures.

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I like them because I think they are interesting to learn about.

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I can learn about other animals that live in the same habitat as the sloth.

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Paragraph 1

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Lovers of maned sloths often say that they think they are cute animals.

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They are mostly brown with a long mane of black hair that is white underneath.

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Their hair is actually course and not soft and fluffy like some people think.

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The outside layer of their hair often has mites, beetles and other insects living in it.

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It doesn't sound like a sloth is as cuddly as some people think!

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Beetles have hard exoskeletons and wings.

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Paragraph 2

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Do you know where the maned sloth lives?

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Today the maned sloth can be found in the rainforest in southeastern Brazil.

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They like hot and humid climates that have rain year-round.

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Maned sloths live most of their lives in trees, they rarely come down to the ground.

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I can learn about other animals that live in the same habitat as the sloth.

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Paragraph 3

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Sloths are well-known for being lazy animals.

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They don't move far in a day.

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In a day, they can move about 40 yards
across the forest canopy.

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Also, they sleep a lot!

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Each day they will sleep 15 to 20 hours.

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Another type of sloth is the brown-throated sloth.

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Paragraph 4

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Humans need to work to help save the maned sloth.

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They are considered vulnerable on the endangered species list.

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One problem is that deforestation is taking away their homes.

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Also, some people hunt these animals for their meat.

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The pygmy sloth is considered critically endangered.

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Conclusion

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I hope you have enjoyed learning
about the maned sloth.

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I think that they are interesting animals to study.

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They definitely aren't an animal I would want to cuddle
with but they are fun to watch and learn about!

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I know that it rains a lot in the rain forest.

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mane

the longer hair that grows on the back or neck of an animal

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deforestation

the clearing of land with forests

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folivore

an herbivore that eats mostly leaves

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vulnerable

animals that have a small area where they can live

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mammal

warm-blooded vertebrates that feed their young with milk from the mother, they usually have skin covered with hair

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tropical rainforest

a biome that is hot and wet all year long

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Nouns, Verbs & Adjectives

Make a list of words you might use when writing about maned sloths.

nouns	verbs	adjectives



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Parts of Speech

Make a list of words you might use when writing about maned sloths.

nouns	verbs	adjectives	adverbs





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I can find the main idea.

Look at one set of sentence strips. Find the sentence that does not belong. Remove it from the stack. Can you find the main idea? Put the other sentences in an order that makes sense. There might be more than one way to do this. Finally, read the paragraph. Focus on reading fluently.



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I can research to learn more.

Look at books and web sites to read more about sloths. What interesting facts can you find to share with the class?



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