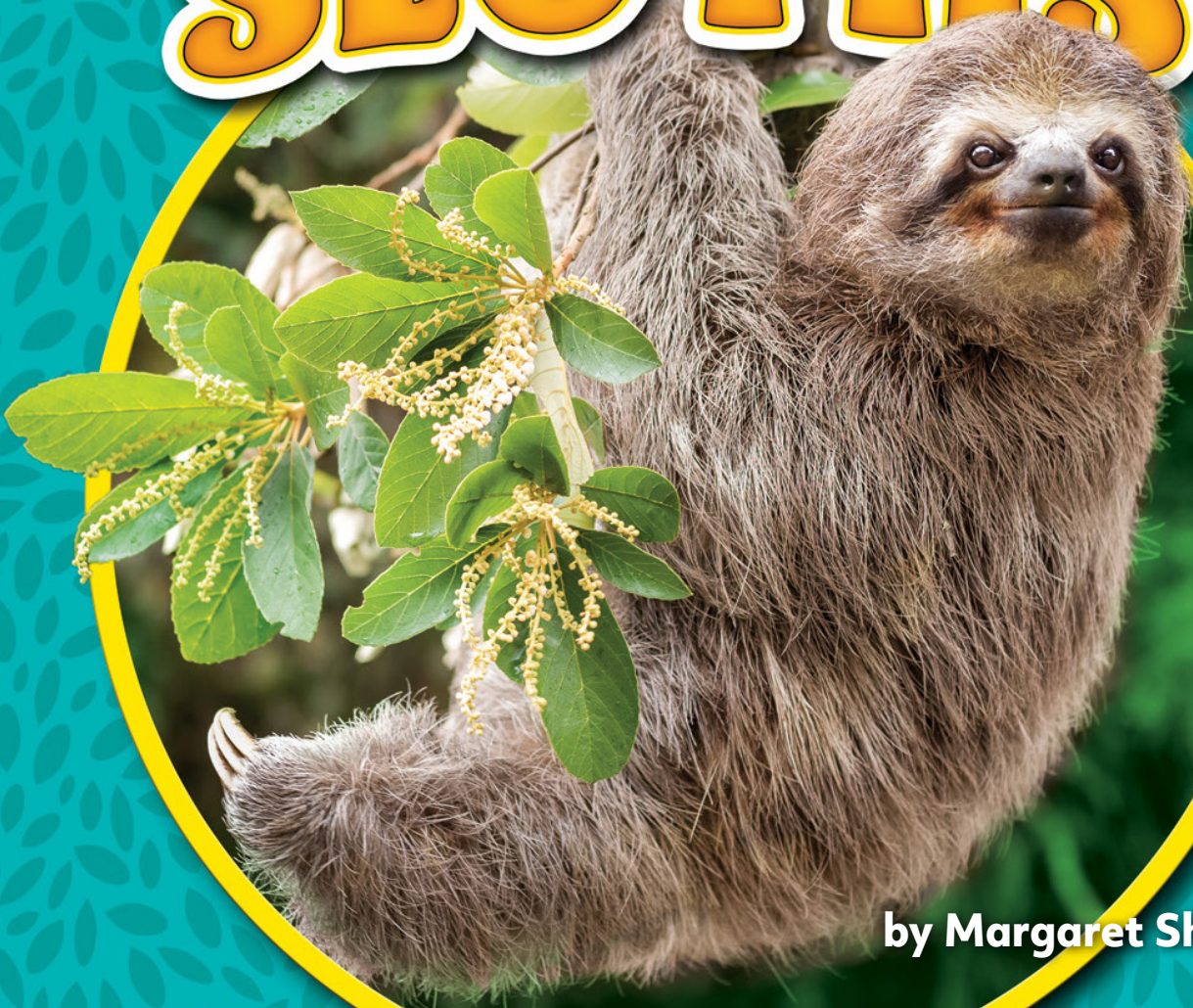


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Teaching Tips

Before Reading

- Briefly discuss animal life cycles. Babies are born, they grow, and they have their own babies.
- Look through the glossary together. Read and discuss the words.
- Go on a picture walk, looking through the pictures to discuss vocabulary and make predictions about the text.

During Reading

- Encourage readers to point to each word as it is read. Stop occasionally to ask readers to point to a specific word in the text.
- If a reader encounters an unknown word, ask them to look at the rest of the page. Are there any clues to help them understand?

After Reading

- Check for understanding.
 - ▶ What are some things baby sloths do during the first few weeks? What about after that?
 - ▶ Find a place in the book that tells you what a baby sloth eats.
 - ▶ Look at page 22. What did you learn about baby sloths from reading this book?
- Ask the readers to think deeper.
 - ▶ Other than size, what is one thing that is different about baby sloths and adult sloths?
 - ▶ What is one thing that is similar about baby and adult sloths?

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It's a Baby Sloth!

A sloth hangs in a tree.

She is **upside down**.

She just had her baby
hanging this way!

Her **newborn** opens
its little eyes.



A mother sloth
carries her baby.

The baby **reaches** its
legs out to the hair
on its mother's belly.

Hold on!



