

Description, Cause & Effect, Problem/Solution,
Compare/Contrast, Chronology/Sequencing

1-The life cycle of a sloth first starts with the birth of a baby sloth. Shortly after birth, the young sloth wraps itself around its mother and clings to her to feed. Then, the mother sloth nurtures the young sloth and teaches it to eat leaves. For six months, the young sloth grows bigger and stronger. Finally, when the young sloth is strong enough to leave its mother, it goes off to find its own food.

What text structure is the author using to help you learn this information?

What key words did you observe to help you determine this text structure?

What happens after the mother sloth teaches the baby sloth to eat leaves?

2. The pygmy sloth has a major problem. It's now endangered due to the destruction of red mangrove trees. It will take cooperation from different people to help solve this issue. Lawmakers should make it illegal to cut down red mangroves. The construction industry should use renewable materials that won't impact the environment. People should donate to foundations that protect the environment. They can also help to grow and plant red mangrove trees along coastlines so that pygmy sloths have places to live.

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Name one thing people can do to help the pygmy sloths?

3. Sloths and koala bears have some common traits. They are both herbivores, have long claws, live in trees, and sleep most of the day. However, there are many differences between these two animals. Koala bears look like little bears with thick, fluffy fur, compact bodies and large, round heads. Sloths, on the other hand, have short coarse fur, tiny heads, and ears that are nearly invisible. Another difference is that koala bears are marsupials, meaning that their young are carried in the mother's pouch. Sloths, in contrast, are mammals. They also give birth to live young, but infants just cling to their mother. While both animals live in trees, sloths prefer the canopy of the rainforest in Central and South America, whereas koala bears live in the eucalyptus forests of Australia.

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Describe one way sloths and koala bears are similar and one way they are different. Use evidence from the text.

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