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## What Does a Sloth Eat?

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Sloths are adapted to a low-energy diet because their slow movements help them conserve energy, allowing them to survive on limited food sources like leaves.
2. If sloths were no longer part of the ecosystem, there might be less seed dispersal, and some trees could overgrow without their leaves being trimmed, affecting other species.
3. Sloths face challenges like avoiding predators while moving slowly and relying on a diet that doesn't provide much energy, which limits their activity.
4. If I were studying sloths, I would want to learn how they choose which trees to eat from and how their diet impacts the health of the rainforest.

