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How Does a Sloth Communicate?

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Sloths rely on quiet and subtle ways to communicate to avoid attracting predators and to conserve energy.
2. Scent trails allow sloths to mark their territory and communicate important information, such as readiness to mate, to other sloths.
3. If a sloth couldn't use sounds or scents, it might struggle to find its mother as a baby or to communicate with potential mates as an adult.
4. The sloth's slow and solitary lifestyle is mirrored in its communication methods, which are quiet, low-energy, and well-suited to its environment.

