# **R2e. Can talk about a growing repertoire of vocabulary and know how to independently find out what unknown words in a text mean**

# **Test 3**

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*Read the text and answer the questions below. Use the spaces provided to write your answers.*

Sleeping for up to twenty hours a day, sloths have a well-deserved reputation for taking life at a rather leisurely pace. In fact, they are so slow that a type of algae grows on their fur! Green algae has a symbiotic relationship with the sloth, providing its host with camouflage and additional nutrients in return for shelter and water, the latter being readily absorbed through the sloth’s skin. These lethargic creatures spend the bulk of their existence upside down, suspended from tree branches, gripping on tightly with their long claws. When they do wake (typically at night) they spend their time consuming a variety of leaves and fruit which they find on tree branches. Whilst they are predominantly herbivorous, some varieties of sloth will occasionally feed on insects and rodents. They seldom drink, obtaining sufficient water from the juicy plants that they consume.

Despite their reputation for being rather lazy, sloths are incredibly strong swimmers – their long arms are able to pull them quickly through water – this is useful as they do occasionally fall from rainforest trees into rivers directly below them! Unfortunately, sloths are now endangered, mostly as a result of humans impinging upon their natural habitat (the rainforests).

1. What are the meanings of the following words in the above text?

(You may use other resources if you do not know.)

1. reputation \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. providing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. predominantly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. suspended \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. Write a new sentence for each word to show that you know how to use them in different contexts.

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. Write one synonym and one antonym for each word.

(You may use other resources if you do not know.)

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| **word** | **synonym** | **antonym** |
| leisurely |  |  |
| lethargic |  |  |
| seldom |  |  |
| sufficient |  |  |

4. Find three or four other challenging words in the text to explain / find out the meanings of. (You may use other resources to help you.)

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| **word** | **definition** |
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**Answers:**

1. a) reputation – a widespread belief about something or someone

b) providing – giving

c) predominantly – mainly / chiefly

d) suspended – hanging

1. accept any correct contextual use of the words in sentences – e.g.

* That restaurant has a bad reputation.
* The cinema is providing free snacks with every ticket.
* Our discussion was predominantly about the new competition.
* The window cleaner was suspended from a machine on the roof.

1. accept any correct anonyms / synonyms for each of the words – e.g.

* leisurely – relaxed / rushed
* lethargic – weary / energetic
* seldom – rarely / often
* sufficient – enough / insufficient

1. accept any challenging word choices and correct definitions – e.g.

* symbiotic – mutually beneficial
* algae – a type of plant
* herbivorous – feeds om plants
* impinging – advancing onto an area owned by someone else