

Sloth at the Zoom

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Characters (8):

Narrator 1	Narrator 2
Sloth	Parrot
Zebra	Monkey
Snail	Cheetah

Narrator 1:	One day, a truck whizzed to the front gate of the Zoom. There was a new animal being delivered: Sloth!
Narrator 2:	It took the zoomkeepers a long time to get the sloth out of the truck.
Narrator 1:	First, they had to wake her up.
Narrator 2:	Then she needed water.
Narrator 1:	And she needed to stretch.
Sloth:	When I woke up, I looked around and was perplexed! I thought my new home, the Zzzzzoo was going to be nice and relaxed.
Narrator 2:	Sloth found herself at the Zoom not at the Zzzzzoo!
Narrator 1:	At the Zoom, the zebras ran so fast they left stripes in the puddles, the monkeys were so fast they missed the treetops, and as the parrots flew by so fast their tails made rainbows in the sky.
Sloth:	*Looks up as she says* I wonder what all this fuss and flutter is about?
Narrator 2:	Suddenly, Cheetah ran by.
Sloth:	*Speaking slowly*

	Hallooo, Chee...tah. Where are... you going... in such... a rush?
Cheetah:	*Speaking quickly* No time to chat—busy, busy, busy! Don't you have anything to do?
Sloth:	*With a slow nod* Of course. I have to listen to the shhr... shhr... shhr... of the wind in the leaves.
Narrator 1:	The sloth calls to the monkeys.
Sloth:	*Speaking slowly* Hallooo... would you like... to hang... with me?
Monkey:	*In a high-pitched voice* Can't stop now! We're running ever so late!
Narrator 2:	Sloth shrugged her shaggy shoulders. Then she found a comfy spot where the sun's rays tickled her belly.
Narrator 1:	Sloth calls to the zebras.
Sloth:	*Speaking slowly* I like... your stripes.
Zebra:	*Whinnies without stopping*
Sloth:	*Sighs, shakes head* No one here has any time.
Snail:	Quite so,
Narrator 2:	Sloth looked up and down and saw nothing. Then, sitting on a leaf saw Snail.
Sloth:	Why... hello down there, nice to meet you.
Snail:	Since you don't seem too busy... perhaps you'd care to have a snack... with me?
Sloth:	*Pause before speaking, then speak slowly* I'd be... delighted, but... this... could... take... a while.
Snail:	*Speaking slowly* I'm... in... no... hurry.

Narrator 1:	Sloth came down from her tree and met Snail for a snack.
Narrator 2:	After their snack, they shared a cool drink.
Sloth and Snail Together:	*Sigh happily*
Monkey:	What are you doing?
Cheetah:	What's going on?
Zebra:	Mind if we join you?
Parrot:	Looks nice.
Narrator 1:	As day became night, the animals at the Zoom slowed down...
Narrator 2:	To share snacks and drinks just long enough to become fast friends.
All:	THE END.