Scientists use Greek and Latin words while naming animals. One reason they do this is to avoid confusion. Since there are two species of two-fingered sloths and four species of three-fingered sloths it could get confusing if they just said the word "sloth". Below are scientific names. Using this Greek and Latin word key, translate their names and guess what they refer to.

## **Greek and Latin Definitions**

brady = slow
chōlos = lame
dactylus = finger or toe
di = two
hoffmanni = Hoffmann's
pilosa = hairy
pous, Pus = footed
pygmaeus = tiny, little
torquis = collar
tri = three
variegatus = spotted, changing, varying

## **Scientific Names for Sloths**

Bradypus =

Choloepus =

Pilosa =

Choloepus didactylus =

Choloepus hoffmanni =

Bradypus variegatus =

Bradypus tridactylus =

Bradypus torquatus =

Bradypus pygmaeus =



