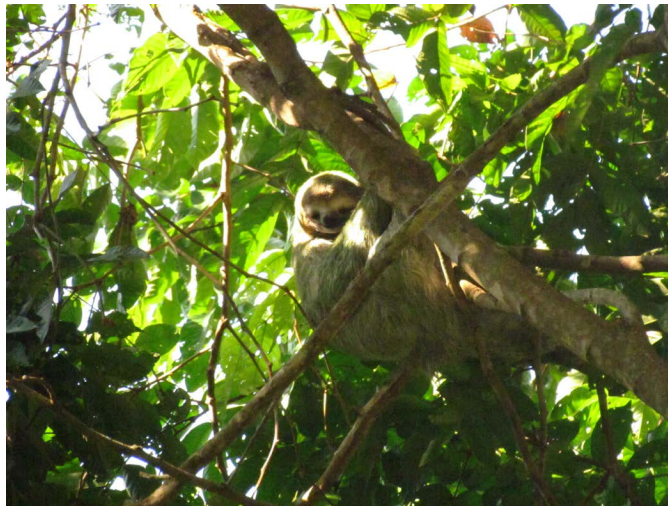


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Review

1. Algae protect sloths by ____
 - A. giving sloths something to eat.
 - B. helping predators find sloths.
 - C. making sloths look like trees.
 - D. helping sloths move slowly.
2. Describe two ways sloths stay safe from predators.
