### Interesting Facts

Sloth bears are excellent tree climbers. They can make a sound with their mouths that can be heard from over 330 feet away!

### Me and My Bear

Sloth bears and I have a few things in common. We both eat fruit, eggs, and honey. We are different because a sloth bear is much bigger than I am. Sloth bears live in forests, and I live in the city. Sloth bears are covered in black fur, and I am not.

### Conclusion

I think sloth bears are cute and not scary. I hope I can travel to Asia one day to see a real one. We are a lot like animals because we need the same things to survive, like sun and water. We eat some of the same things, and sloth bears and people both have babies.

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### Where Do Sloth Bears Live?

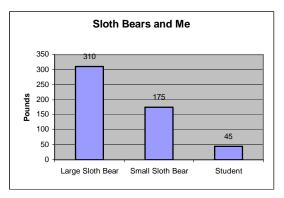
Sloth bears live in the grasslands and forests of Asia. They live in India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, and Sri Lanka.

What Do They Look Like?

Sloth bears have shaggy black fur with some gray and brown hair. You can tell sloth bears apart from other animals because they have some white hair on their chest. The white hair usually looks like the letter U or Y. They also have some white hair on their muzzle, and sometimes it goes all the way to their eyes.

# How Big Are They?

Sloth bears are not very big for bears, but they are much bigger than me! They are not very tall. They are about 60 to 75 inches tall, but they are heavy. They weigh 175 to 310 pounds. Even the smallest sloth bear weighs almost four times as



much as me.

# What Do They Eat?

You don't need to be afraid of a sloth bear if you see one, because it does not eat the meat of other animals. Sloth bears like to eat termites by sucking them up with their mouth. They can do this because they are missing two of their top teeth. This hole helps them make a tube with their lips and they suck them up.

They also like to eat fruit, plants, eggs, honey, and carrion. I like to eat fruit, plants, honey, and eggs too. But I definitely don't eat carrion or termites!!!