

- e Newton: 'Actually the story of the apple falling on my head is true, and I can tell you it really hurt! Sitting under the apple tree was a big mistake!'
I tree !
- f Helen of Troy: 'I didn't really like Paris very much. Running away with him was a mistake.'
I with him !
- g Dr Frankenstein: 'This monster is causing a lot of trouble. Making him was a mistake.'
I him !
- h Archimedes: 'Jumping out of my bath and running down the street shouting 'I've found it!' was a great idea. But it was a mistake not to put some clothes on first!'
I clothes on !

6 Rewrite the sentence as a complaint, using *wish* with *would* or *wouldn't*. Use contractions.

- a You never hand your work in on time! I wish you'd hand your work in on time !
- b You always make so many mistakes! I !
- c You always drop litter on the floor! I !
- d You never pay attention! I !
- e You always talk during the test! I !
- f You never listen to what I'm saying! I !
- g You always interrupt people! I !
- h You always throw things across the room! I !
- i You never behave! I !
- j You always make so much noise! I !

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7 Complete the text with the verbs in brackets.

Sloths live in trees and eat mainly leaves, twigs and fruit. In fact, if you **a** (be) were a sloth, you **b** (spend) most of your life hanging upside down from a tree. This is the safest place for sloths. If a sloth **c** (stay) completely still, **predators** **d** (not realize) it is there, because it has green **algae** living on its skin, and it is difficult to see. Sloths move very slowly on the ground, but if they **e** (go) in water, they **f** (swim) extremely well. However, they have a low body temperature, and if they **g** (remain) too long in hot sunlight, they **h** (die) Sloths are not large animals, growing to about a metre in length. On the other hand, if you **i** (be) in North America 20,000 years ago, you **j** (see) a giant ground sloth, as large as an elephant! These giant sloths died out thousands of years ago. Modern sloths live in the rainforest of South America, and they are in danger, like many rainforest animals. If human beings **k** (continue) to destroy the rain forest, sloths **l** (become) **extinct**.



A sloth

GLOSSARY

EXTENSION ACTIVITY

- 1 What would your life have been like, if you had lived a hundred years ago? Write five sentences.
- 2 Write a list of wishes about things you want to change about yourself.

conditionals: impossible past. wishes