

## PARTY GAMES!

### SLEEPING LORIS GAME

This game is similar to Musical Chairs. As Loris are nocturnal, during the day they curl up in a ball and sleep under the shelter of leaves on tree branches to protect themselves against predators and direct sunlight. They also hide under leaves if it rains to stay dry. In this game, large leaves are used instead of chairs and gradually they are taken away as the game continues.

#### GETTING READY FOR THE GAME

- You can make their own leaves out of paper, card or felt. The leaves should be A4 size or bigger.
- To create the sound of rain, rain-makers can be made by putting uncooked rice into a plastic bottle, or two paper cups taped together. You and your friends can all make your own rain makers, decorating them, and then when people go 'out' of the game, they can be in charge of making it rain.
- Download and colour in the loris face mask to make it really authentic!

#### PLAYING THE GAME:

Scatter the leaves around the floor— one for each person. Dim the lights and play rainforest sounds. Everyone who's playing can wear their loris face mask and move around on all fours, like a loris. Then either switch on the lights (to simulate day time) or shake the rain makers (to simulate a downpour). Everyone has to then run to the nearest leaf, curl up in a ball like a loris and put the leaf over them for shelter.

Once everyone gets the hang of the game, take away one leaf at a time (in the same way you would with musical chairs), until only one leaf is left.



### I'M A STINKY LORIS!

Loris are solitary animals so don't like other loris being too close. When threatened, loris push their hands over their head (like in a brace position) with their wrists over their forehead to expose their stinky glands (which smell like sweaty socks!). They then hiss to scare other loris (or predators) away!

You and your friends can have fun pretending to be loris; print out and wear the loris face masks, then go around hissing at your other loris friends to tell them to stay away. To make it more authentic, you can even wear smelly socks over their hands to mimic the loris smell! The smellier the better!

You could even play some fun jungle background music to really set the scene.





## SPECIAL SENSES

Because lorises are nocturnal their eyesight, smell and hearing are very sensitive. This makes them particularly prone to stress when kept as pets, because they can be affected by light and noise that we wouldn't even particularly notice. Many lorises die in captivity because they cannot cope with the stress associated with being around so much light and noise in a small space that they cannot escape from.

Test your friends' own senses by blindfolding them and having them try to guess what they can feel, taste, smell or hear:

**TOUCH:** This is great with loads of different objects and textures, ranging from everyday objects like marbles, pens and tea bags to messy things like sand, jelly and mud!

**SMELL:** Great smells to use are strong scents like coffee, cinnamon, vanilla, lavender and chocolate. Maybe even add some really bad smells too like sweaty socks (which is what lorises smell like)!

**SOUND:** You could play this like a game of Blind Mans Bluff. Everyone stands around in a circle, with one in the middle blindfolded, and one person in charge of picking people from the circle. This person then walks around the circle and taps someone from the circle quietly. They then have to quietly hiss like a snake, or growl like a cat (both are predators to pygmy lorises). The student in the middle then has to point to where the sound is coming from – just like a loris would have to locate the sound of predators in the dark!

