

Rudyard Kipling

Jungle Book

LEVEL 1



WORDS USED

Story 81

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KEY WORDS

food
hungry
listen
need
small

brother
cried
hide
kill
rock

afraid
angry
climb
drop
well

city
fight
hurt
only
remember

burned
field
knew
poor
strong

NECESSARY WORDS

cub
den
hunt
jungle
law
limp
pack

lead
learned
lump
might
place
pot
trust
twig

been
hug
kite
lie
skin
snake
steal

alive
palace
strike
trap
tried
true
wall

always
bamboo
buffalo
cattle
cloth
ghost
herd
hut
priest
rich
son

Mowgli and the Wolves



Tabaqui tells the wolves that Shere Khan is coming.

- Preview:**
1. Read the name of the story.
 2. Look at the picture.
 3. Read the sentence under the picture.
 4. Read the first six paragraphs of the story.
 5. Then answer the following question.

You learned from your preview that Shere Khan

- ☐ a. can't hunt like he used to.
- ☐ b. has many friends.
- ☐ c. was afraid of the wolves.
- ☐ d. was hungry.

Turn to the Comprehension Check on page 10 for the right answer.

Now read the story.

Read to find out who will run with the wolf pack.

Mowgli and the Wolves

Let me tell you how Mowgli, a boy from India, met the wolves...

Father Wolf met Tabaqui, a no-good jackal near his den. Tabaqui said, "I am hungry. I need some food!"

"Come in and see," said Father Wolf. "We are hungry, too. But we have no food."

Tabaqui came in and said, "Shere Khan will hunt near here soon." Shere Khan was a BIG tiger. But he could not walk like he used to. And he could not hunt like he used to.

"He can't come here!" said Father Wolf. "We did not say he could hunt here!"

Mother Wolf laughed. "Shere Khan can't hunt like he used to. Why, I hear he hunts cows... and *Man*! That's the best he can do these days."

Father Wolf looked at Tabaqui. "Out, Tabaqui! Get out of our den!" Then Father Wolf heard a tiger noise. "Shere Khan!" he said. "The tiger that limps!"

The wolves stopped to listen. "I think he hunts *Man*," said Mother Wolf.

Jungle Law says that no animal may hunt *Man*. It is not good to hunt *Man*. If animals hunt *Man*, *Man* will hunt animals!

Shere Khan called out again, a call not like Shere Khan. "He *missed*!" said Mother Wolf.

Father Wolf laughed. "Shhhh," said Mother Wolf. "Listen. Something is coming."

Father Wolf stopped laughing. He listened. "A man's cub!" he said.

The man's cub put its head in the wolves' den. He looked around. Then he saw Father Wolf and laughed.

"Is that a man's cub?" asked Mother Wolf. "How small it is. Bring it here," she said.

In the den, the man's cub ran to eat with the wolves' small cubs. Mother Wolf laughed. "He is one with them!" she said.

Shere Khan put his head in the den. Tabaqui was behind him. "He went in there," said Tabaqui.

"Give the man's cub to me!" called Shere Khan.

Father Wolf looked at Shere Khan. His head was too big to fit in the den. Father Wolf said, "You do not know who will get the man's cub, Shere Khan!"

Shere Khan called out again. Mother Wolf looked at Shere Khan. "The man's cub will run and hunt with the Pack. One day he may hunt *you*! Now, go!"

Shere Khan backed away. "The Head of the Pack will say who gets the man's cub." Then he limped away.

Mother Wolf ran back to her cubs. She said to Father Wolf, "The man's cub looks like a frog. We will call him Mowgli, the frog. One day Mowgli will hunt Shere

Khan."

Jungle Law says that when wolf cubs walk, they go before the Pack. When the wolf cubs began to run, Father Wolf took them to the Pack. Mowgli went, too. Shere Khan met up with the Pack. "Give the man's cub to me," he said.

Akela, Head of the Wolf Pack, asked, "What is this? A man's cub? What do we do with a man's cub?" Akela looked at the Pack. "Two of you must talk for him. Not his mother or his father. Who talks for this cub?"

"I talk for the man's cub," called Baloo. Baloo was a big, brown bear that liked to sleep all the time. "A man's cub can be good. Let him run with the Pack. I will show him our ways."

"That is one," said Akela. I need one more to talk for the man's cub."

Just then, Bagheera, the black panther, came by. He said, "I have no right here. You don't have to listen to me. But, Jungle Law says that one may buy a new cub. I will buy him with the animal I was going to eat. It is not far from here. The man's cub will stay with the Pack!"

The Pack ran off. They went to find Bagheera's food.

Shere Khan called out for the man's cub one last time.

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COMPREHENSION CHECK

Choose the best answer.

Preview Answer:

- a. can't hunt like he used to.

1. Tabaqui had gone to the wolves' den looking for
 - ☐ a. Shere Khan.
 - ☐ b. something to eat.
 - ☐ c. a cow.
 - ☐ d. duck eggs.
2. What did Tabaqui tell Father Wolf?
 - ☐ a. That he can't hunt like he used to
 - ☐ b. That he missed his mother
 - ☐ c. That he saw a man's cub
 - ☐ d. That Shere Kahn would soon be by to do some hunting
3. Jungle Law says that
 - ☐ a. no man may live in the jungle.
 - ☐ b. animals may not hunt other animals.
 - ☐ c. no animal may go hungry.
 - ☐ d. no animal may hunt Man.
4. The man's cub is
 - ☐ a. Shere Khan's little tiger.
 - ☐ b. Father Wolf's little wolf cub.
 - ☐ c. a man's little boy.
 - ☐ d. Akela's little wolf cub.
5. The man's cub was
 - ☐ a. lost in the jungle.
 - ☐ b. looking for ice cream.
 - ☐ c. very sleepy.
 - ☐ d. very cold.
6. Shere Khan wanted the man's cub
 - ☐ a. to eat.
 - ☐ b. to play games with.
 - ☐ c. to be his friend.
 - ☐ d. to help him hunt for food.
7. Baloo wanted the man's cub to
 - ☐ a. go home to his mother.
 - ☐ b. read him a bedtime story.
 - ☐ c. run with the Wolf Pack.
 - ☐ d. get out of the jungle.
8. Bagheera gave Akela the animal he was going to eat. He did this so that
 - ☐ a. the wolves would not be hungry.
 - ☐ b. Mowgli could run with the Wolf Pack.
 - ☐ c. Mother Wolf would be happy.
 - ☐ d. Akela would be his friend.
9. Another name for this story could be
 - ☐ a. "The Head of the Pack."
 - ☐ b. "Hunting with Wolves."
 - ☐ c. "The Little Lost Boy."
 - ☐ d. "Laws of the Jungle."
10. This story is mainly about
 - ☐ a. how a little boy got lost in the jungle.
 - ☐ b. how a little boy came to live with the wolves.
 - ☐ c. a sleepy, brown bear who liked Mowgli.
 - ☐ d. why Akela was Head of the Wolf Pack.

Check your answers with the Key on page 67.

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