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# The Man-Cub

## Preview Questions

1. Where do you think this story takes place?
2. What kind of animals are wolves?
3. When do you think a tiger will hunt and kill a man?

It was morning. Mother **Wolf** was slowly waking up. Her cubs were already **awake**. Soon after Father Wolf woke up.

“It is time to **hunt** again,” he said.

5 As he walked towards the mouth of the cave where he lived with his family, Tabaqui, the **jackal** appeared. Wolves do not like jackals because they are dirty animals and will eat anything. They also tell lies and make trouble for the other animals.

10 “Good morning, Chief of the Wolves. Perhaps you have something for me to eat,” Tabaqui said.

“There is nothing here for you,” Father Wolf said.

Looking at the cubs, Tabaqui said, “Your children are so beautiful.”

15 This was not a good thing to say. In India, animals



and people believe it is unlucky to tell children they are beautiful in front of them.

“Shere Khan, the **tiger**, has moved this way. He will hunt in these hills now,” Tabaqui said.

5 “He has no right to do that,” Father Wolf said angrily. “The law of the **jungle** says so. He will frighten all the animals away, and there will be none left for me to hunt. Then Man will hunt him. Man will set fire to the grass. We shall all have to run for our lives.”

10 Tabaqui went away. Soon after, the sound of a hungry tiger was heard. It was the sound of a tiger that has caught nothing and does not care who knows it.

“Shere Khan is not clever,” Father Wolf said. “He has a bad leg and cannot run fast enough to catch a  
15 **deer**. He has been killing only **cattle** and making the villagers angry. I believe he will hunt Man now.”

This was bad news. All the animals knew that if an animal killed a man, then other men would come with guns.

20 Suddenly, Mother Wolf saw a movement among the trees. “Something is coming,” she said.

Father Wolf got ready to jump at whatever might come out of the trees, but to his surprise, it was not

# N E W W O R D S

## Chapter 1

**wolf** *n.* a very large wild dog, usually black or grey

**awake** *adj.* not asleep

**hunt** *v.* to try to catch and kill

**jackal** *n.* a wild animal like a dog

**tiger** *n.* a large cat-like animal with black stripes

**jungle** *n.* a tropical area with many trees and plants where wild animals live

**deer** *n.* an animal that tigers like to hunt

**cattle** *n.* cows and bulls

**cub** *n.* the young of certain animals, such as the bear or wolf

**moment** *n.* a very short time

## Chapter 2

**pack** *n.* a group of wolves

**grey** *adj.* of a colour between black and white

**roar** *n.* the noise a tiger makes

**panther** *n.* a very large, black cat-like animal

**bull** *n.* a male cow

**member** *n.* a person or animal that is part of a group

## Chapter 3

**climb** *v.* to go up something

**branch** *n.* a part of a tree that grows out from the trunk

**trust** *v.* to believe a person is good and honest

**thorn** *n.* small, sharp piece of a plant that grows on the body or leaves of a plant

**weak** *adj.* not strong; sick from old age and/or bad health

**pot** *n.* a round container to keep things in

## Chapter 4

**hut** *n.* a very small house

**dream** *n.* pictures in your mind while you sleep

**leader** *n.* the one that others listen to and follow

**strong** *adj.* having power in the body

## Chapter 5

**stay** *v.* to spend time at a place or with a group

**ground** *n.* the hard surface of the earth

**flame** *n.* a small burning light from a fire

**head** *n.* the part of the body where the eyes, nose, mouth, and ears are found

**pain** *n.* a feeling of hurt or suffering

**strange** *adj.* different; not normal or usual



## Chapter 6

**priest** *n.* a holy man

**creature** *n.* an animal

**bite** *n.* a painful place or injury where an animal or insect has bitten you

**feed** *v.* to give food to someone

**talk** *v.* to speak or say words using your voice

## Chapter 7

**clothes** *n.* cloth you wear on your body

**ghost** *n.* a phantom of a dead thing or person

**lame** *adj.* not being able to walk due to a problem with a foot/leg

**herd** *n.* animals kept together in a group

**ravine** *n.* : a small, deep, narrow valley

**trick** *v.* to fool someone

## Chapter 8

**skin** *v.* to take the skin off of an animal

**reward** *n.* money given to someone who finds something

**beating** *n.* a punishment in the form of hitting

**magician** *n.* a person who does tricks that look like magic

**servant** *n.* someone who does work for another person usually in a house

**lonely** *adj.* without friends or company



## The Jungle Book

### Cast

Mother Wolf

Fifth Wolf

Father Wolf

Grey Wolf

Akela

Baloo

First Wolf

Sixth Wolf

Second Wolf

Shere Khan

Third Wolf

Woman

Fourth Wolf

Priest

Bagheera

Mowgli

**Mother Wolf is in the cave with her cubs and Father Wolf.**

**Mother Wolf:** Did you see a movement in the jungle?

**Father Wolf:** Yes, I did.

**Mother Wolf:** I hope it is not Shere Khan. I do not trust him.

**Father Wolf:** Neither do I. But look, something is coming out of the jungle.

**Mother Wolf:** It's a Man-cub. Oh, he is so pretty. Can we keep him?

**Father Wolf:** We will have to ask the pack.

**Mother Wolf:** Then let us take him to the pack now. There is a meeting later today.

**The wolf pack is having a meeting.**

**Father Wolf:** This Man-cub came out of the jungle this morning.

**Mother Wolf:** I want to keep him. He will not hurt us. What do you think, Akela?

**Akela:** I agree. He won't hurt us. He might even help us, so I want you to let this Man-cub run with us.

**First Wolf:** But should he? We don't need a Man-cub.

**Second Wolf:** Send him back to the village.

**Akela:** No. Shere Khan will find him and kill him if we do.

**Third wolf:** That's not our problem.

**Fourth Wolf:** Shere Khan can do what he likes.

**Bagheera:** Listen to me. You think you are safe from Shere Khan, but you are not.

**Fifth Wolf:** Yes, we are. He is lame. He cannot run as fast as we can.

**Baloo:** What about your cubs? Can they run as fast as you do?

**Mowgli:** Very well. I will do as you say.

**Grey Wolf:** Good, because if you don't, he will keep on coming for you until he kills you.

**The wolf pack is having another meeting.**

**First Wolf:** What are you doing here? We don't want you.

**Mowgli:** I have come for Shere Khan. (*calling*) Where are you Shere Khan? Are you afraid of me?

**Shere Khan comes out of the jungle.**

**Shere Khan:** At last, I've got you. The wolves won't help you, Man-cub. They are not your friends any more.

**Mowgli:** Akela is my friend.

**Shere Khan:** Akela is old and weak. He can do nothing.

**He moves towards Mowgli. Mowgli pushes fire at him.**

**Shere Khan roars in pain and runs off.**

**Shere Khan:** I'll get you one day.

**Mowgli is looking after the cattle again. Grey Wolf comes to see him.**

**Grey Wolf:** Shere Khan is better. He will come for you again.

# Before You Read

I. Work with your classmates. What do these words make you think of?

**Animals**

*wild*

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**Jungle**

*bugs*

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**Humans**

*work*

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II. Scan through the book and answer the following.

1. Correctly rewrite and capitalise the chapter titles below.

a. the cub man

\_\_\_\_\_

b. decides the pack

\_\_\_\_\_

c. a Mowgli warning for

\_\_\_\_\_

d. village goes the Mowgli to

\_\_\_\_\_

e. leaves Mowgli the village

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Draw a line through the word that does not belong in the group. Then, fill in the blank.

EX. *wolf*                      *jackal*                      *tiger*                      ~~*human*~~

These are animals.

a. Kipling                      Mowgli                      Shere Khan                      Bagheera

These are \_\_\_\_\_.

b. hut                      village                      jungle                      thorn

These are \_\_\_\_\_.

c. servant                      priest                      creature                      magician

These are \_\_\_\_\_.

d. beat                      pot                      run                      climb

These are \_\_\_\_\_.

e. cub                      cattle                      pack                      members

These are \_\_\_\_\_.

# The Man-Cub

## I. Put the sentences in order from 1 (first) to 5 (last).

- \_\_\_\_\_ The tiger wanted to eat the Man-cub.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mother Wolf saw a movement in the trees.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tabaqui visited the wolves.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The wolves found a Man-cub.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tabaqui said that Shere Khan was moving to the area.

## II. Choose the best answer.

1. Why couldn't Shere Khan run fast?
  - a. because he only had three legs
  - b. because the jungle grass was too tall
  - c. because the ground was too muddy
  - d. because he had a bad leg
  
2. Where did the baby go when Father Wolf put him down?
  - a. to lie with the two wolf cubs
  - b. to lie with Shere Khan
  - c. to find his parents
  - d. to lie with Tabaqui
  
3. Who wanted to eat the Man-cub?
  - a. Father Wolf
  - b. Tabaqui
  - c. Shere Khan
  - d. Mother Wolf
  
4. Why was Father Wolf angry?
  - a. because Mother Wolf wanted to keep the Man-cub
  - b. because Shere Khan was moving into their area
  - c. because the Man-cub had no parents
  - d. because Tabaqui was telling lies

III. Write the correct word in each blank.

awake	cattle	cub	deer	hunt
jackal	jungle	moment	tiger	wolf

1. A lot of animals are \_\_\_\_\_ early in the morning when the sun just comes up.
2. Some animals \_\_\_\_\_ for their food so that they can feed their babies.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ is a wild animal that looks like a dog.
4. Wild animals live in the \_\_\_\_\_, where there are a lot of trees.
5. Mother and Father Wolf took the new baby into their family as if he were their \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ had to run fast because the tiger wanted to eat it.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ are valued for the meat and milk they provide.
8. It happened so fast, in just a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ of time.
9. People can easily recognise a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ because it looks like a cat and has black stripes.
10. A(n) \_\_\_\_\_ is a large dog that is wild and is usually black or grey.

IV. Complete the summary by writing the correct word in each blank.

brought	Shere Khan	cave	found	visited
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The jackal 1 \_\_\_\_\_ the wolves and told them the tiger was coming this way. Father Wolf 2 \_\_\_\_\_ a Man-cub in the jungle. He 3 \_\_\_\_\_ the cub back to the 4 \_\_\_\_\_. 5 \_\_\_\_\_, the tiger, came looking for the cub.