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Joseph Rudyard Kipling was born in Bombay, India in the year 1865. He learned the language of India from the many servants who took care of him as a young boy. His father was an English artist and scholar, thus enabling Rudyard to speak English, as well as Hindustani. His parents sent him to school in Southsea, England at the age of six. There, he lived with an elderly aunt who treated him cruelly. This unhappy experience can be seen in some of the short stories he later wrote. At age 17, he refused his parents' offer to send him to a university. Instead, he returned to India and began to write his short stories. After moving to the United States in 1892, he married and settled in Vermont. Four years later, he and his wife returned to England. Because of his political views, he lost much popularity, however, when he began to write stories for children, he regained it. In 1907 Rudyard Kipling was awarded the Nobel Prize for literature. Today most critics agree that he was a great writer who contributed many important works to literature. Some of his works include, *Wee Willie Winkie*, *Kim*, and *Captains Courageous*. Kipling died in 1936.

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### KEY WORDS

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food	brother	afraid	city	burned
hungry	cried	angry	fight	field
listen	hide	climb	hurt	knew
need	kill	drop	only	poor
small	rock	well	remember	strong

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### NECESSARY WORDS

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cub	lead	been	alive	always
den	learned	hug	palace	bamboo
hunt	lump	kite	strike	buffalo
jungle	might	lie	trap	cattle
law	place	skin	tried	cloth
limp	pot	snake	true	ghost
pack	trust	steal	wall	herd
	twig			hut
				priest
				rich
				son

## WORDS USED

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Story 88

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### KEY WORDS

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ate  
followed  
move  
pushed  
suddenly

fall  
leave  
sea  
wife  
young

babies  
bite  
hole  
later  
turned

camp  
care  
dance  
driver  
rope

bark  
fell  
same  
silly  
tent

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### NECESSARY WORDS

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bull  
charge  
lazy  
married  
river

born  
grabbed  
island  
swam  
ugly  
warned

bit  
curious  
dead  
jar  
saved

circle  
flat  
poked  
seen  
stamp

bath  
elephant  
gun  
order  
still  
trunk  
twenty

# Mowgli and the Wolves

## PREPARATION

### Key Words

<b>food</b>	(fūd)	things that living things eat or drink that helps them live and grow <i>I gave the flowers some <u>food</u> to help them grow.</i>
<b>hungry</b>	(hung' grē)	wanting food very much; having the need for food <i>Gary said he's so <u>hungry</u>, he could eat a bear!</i>
<b>listen</b>	(lis' n)	to try and hear; hear with the ears <i>Mother told Mary to <u>listen</u> for the baby's cry.</i>
<b>need</b>	(nēd)	not able to do without; something that has to be <i>Flowers <u>need</u> water to go on living.</i>
<b>small</b>	(smōl)	not big; little; not as big as other things of the same kind <i>Mr. Jones lives in a big house. I live in a <u>small</u> house.</i>

# Mowgli and the Wolves

## Necessary Words

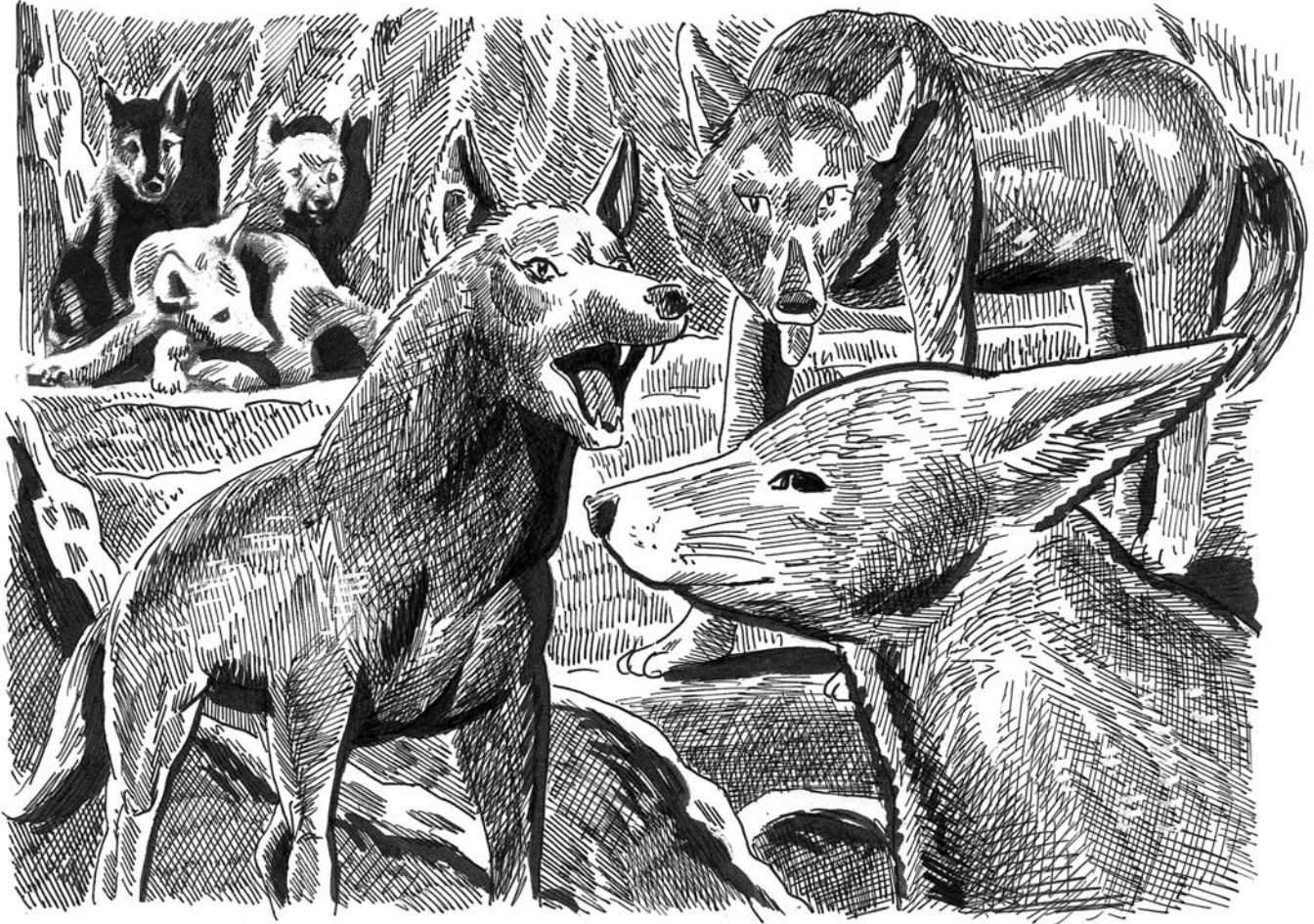
<b>cub</b>	(kub)	a baby wolf, bear, fox, etc. <i>The <u>cub</u> ran off to look for its mother.</i>
<b>den</b>	(den)	a place where wild animals live; a lair <i>The fox ran to its <u>den</u> before the bear got him!</i>
<b>hunt</b>	(hunt)	to go after animals to eat, or for fun <i>Cats like to <u>hunt</u> for birds.</i>
<b>jungle</b>	(jung' gəl)	a hot, wild land with many trees and bushes <i>It took many days for the men to find their way out of the <u>jungle</u>.</i>
<b>law</b>	(lò)	rules that tell what one <i>can</i> or <i>cannot</i> do <i>It is against the <u>law</u> to run a red light.</i>
<b>limp</b>	(limp)	to walk out of step <i>After mother fell, she <u>limped</u> for many weeks.</i>
<b>pack</b>	(pak)	a group of animals that hunt together <i>A <u>pack</u> of dogs ran after me!</i>

## People, Places, Things

<b>Akela</b>	is the head of the wolf pack.
<b>Bagheera</b>	is a black panther who will buy Mowgli.
<b>India</b>	once a country in southern Asia, now known as India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh
<b>jackal</b>	is like a dog that lives in the wild
<b>man's cub</b>	a one-year-old Indian boy, just old enough to walk. He is called Mowgli. He will live with the wolves.
<b>panther</b>	is a big, black cat; a mountain lion
<b>tiger</b>	is a big, wild cat with stripes
<b>wolf/wolves</b>	is a wild mammal that looks like a dog



# 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.

# Mowgli and the Wolves

## 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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# Mowgli and the Wolves

## VOCABULARY CHECK

food	hungry	listen	need	small
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### I. Sentences to Finish

Fill in the blank in each sentence with the correct key word from the box above.

1. “Did you give the dog his \_\_\_\_\_ today?” asked Mother.
2. “\_\_\_\_\_,” said Jane. “Do you hear that noise?”
3. The little girl was too \_\_\_\_\_ to go on the ride.
4. Flowers \_\_\_\_\_ water to live.
5. Frank said he was so \_\_\_\_\_, he could eat a bear!

II. Each key word has been used in a sentence. If the sentence makes sense with the underlined key word, put a ✓ on the line. If it does not make sense, put an X on the line.

- \_\_\_ 1. The hungry man could not eat another thing!
- \_\_\_ 2. Bees need to make honey before they can fly.
- \_\_\_ 3. “Please don’t give any food to the animals,” said the man at the zoo.
- \_\_\_ 4. Mother likes to listen to me sing.
- \_\_\_ 5. Dad grew up in a small town.

Check your answers with the Key on page 69.

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