



The Jungle Book – Rudyard Kipling

Comprehension exercises

Read the story, then answer the questions.

CHAPTER 1

- 1 Who lives in the cave?
- 2 What is the tiger's name?
- 3 Is the child afraid of the wolves?
- 4 Why does the tiger want Mowgli?
- 5 Why doesn't he tiger take Mowgli away?
- 6 Who will the child live with now?
- 7 What is the child's name

CHAPTER 2

- 1 Why do the wolves go to a big hill?
- 2 How many wolves are in the pack?
- 3 Who is Akela?
- 4 Which two new animals come to the hill?
- 5 Who will teach the child?

CHAPTER 3

- 1 What does Mowgli learn?
- 2 Does Mowgli enjoy learning?
- 3 Mowgli visited the monkeys. Why is Baloo angry about this?
- 4 Who takes Mowgli from Baloo and Bagheera?

CHAPTER 4

- 1 Why do Baloo and Bagheera ask for Kaa's help?
- 2 One animal knows where Mowgli is. Which animal is it?
- 3 Where is Mowgli?
- 4 Where do the monkeys put Mowgli when his friends come?
- 5 Who helps Baloo and Bagheera?
- 6 Baloo helps Mowgli. What does he do?
- 7 Why does Kaa stay in the city?

CHAPTER 5

- 1 The young wolves in the pack don't like Mowgli. Why not?
- 2 What is Bagheera's good idea?
- 3 What is the Red Flower?
- 4 Where does Mowgli get it from?

CHAPTER 6

- 1 Why is Akela sad?
- 2 What do the young wolves want to do to Mowgli?
- 3 Mowgli stops them. How does he do that?
- 4 Why does Mowgli leave the jungle?

CHAPTER 7

- 1 Who is Messua?
- 2 Why does she take Mowgli to her home?
- 3 What does Mowgli learn about in the village?
- 4 What is Mowgli's new job?

CHAPTER 8

- 1 Who is at the bottom of the hill?
- 2 What happens to the animal at the bottom of the hill?
- 3 What does Mowgli do with that animal's skin?
- 4 Why is Buldeo angry with Mowgli?
- 5 Mowgli goes back to the village but what happens there?
- 6 Why does Mowgli become Leader of the Jungle?
- 7 Why does Mowgli leave the jungle again?
- 8 Is he sad about it?
- 9 Does he enjoy his new life in the village?

PEOPLE IN THE STORY

Put a tick (✓) in the correct column for each animal or person.

	Person	Wolf	Panther	Snake	Bear	Tiger	Bird
Messua							
Kaa							
Bagheera							
Rann							
Baloo							
Buldeo							
Grey Brother							

THE COMPLETE STORY

Now answer these questions about the story. Explain your answers.

- Which characters were nice and which characters were not nice?
- Who is your favourite character in the story? Why do you like them?
- What is your favourite part of the story?
- Is Mowgli Messua's son, do you think?
- Do you like the ending? Should Mowgli stay in the jungle or go to the village at the end?
- What happens to Mowgli in the new village, do you think? Think or write about his life.
- Would *you* like to live in the jungle? Say why, or why not.