



The Jungle Book – Rudyard Kipling

Cultural notes

India

The story happens in India. Write down five things that you know about the country. (If you are from India, this will be easy for you!) You can write about these things:

- Where is India?
- What is the capital city?
- What is its population?
- What languages do people speak there?
- What is the weather like?
- What can you see there?

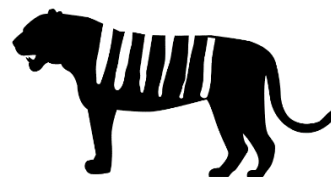
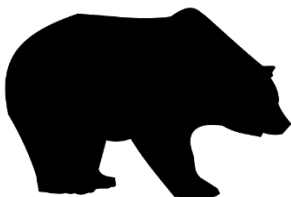
Have you ever been to India?

- Yes? Did you like it? Why / Why not?
- No? Would you like to go there? Why / Why not?

Animals

There are lots of interesting animals in the story. For each animal, answer these questions.

1. What is the animal called?
2. What does this animal eat?
3. Do you have this animal in your country?
4. Are you afraid of the animal?



The films

Of course, there are Disney films called *The Jungle Book*. Have you seen them? Did you like them?

The stories of the films are a little different – they make some changes to the story. My book is closer to the story by Rudyard Kipling.

Watch the films again, if you can. What is different in the films? Are there some different animals or people? Are the endings different from the book?



The writer

This is a photo of the writer of *The Jungle Book*. His name was Rudyard Kipling. His parents were British but he was born in India in 1865. At that time, India was under British Control. Kipling really loved India and he was happy there as a child.

Sadly for him, when he was six years old, he had to go to school in England. He hated it but he read a lot of books and that helped him – through books, he could forget his problems.

In 1882, Kipling got a job in India and he was very happy to be back there again.