

ALL IN ONE PLACE BASE CAMP ENGLISH WORKSHEET COMPREHENSION 1

INSTRUCTIONS

- You should take about 15 minutes to do the exercises
- Ask a family member or teacher for help if you need it
- Write your answers of the worksheet
- Use the solution sheet to check your work

WHAT TO DO

In this comprehension you will

JUMP 1 *answer multiple choice questions on the text*

JUMP 2 *identify the meanings of words in the text*

JUMP 3 *write quotes from the text*

JUMP 4 *answer questions using the text*



The Jungle Book is a collection of stories by a famous British author, Rudyard Kipling. The stories were published in 1894 and are unusual because animals are given human characteristics to teach moral lessons such as the importance of family and keeping safe and secure.

Besides being a great adventure story and a fable about society, Kipling starts each chapter with a poem; some chapters are short poems only. Rudyard Kipling is regarded as one of the best short story writers of all time. He was the youngest person to win the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1907.

Read the extract from the beginning of the first story in **The Jungle Book** called '**Mowgli's Brothers**' and then do the exercises.



*Now Rann the Kite brings home the night
That Mang the Bat sets free--
The herds are shut in byre and hut
For loosed till dawn are we.
This is the hour of pride and power,
Talon and tush and claw.
Oh, hear the call!--Good hunting all
That keep the Jungle Law!
Night-Song in the Jungle*

It was seven o'clock of a very warm evening in the Seonee hills when Father Wolf woke up from his day's rest, scratched himself, yawned, and spread out his paws one after the other to get rid of the sleepy feeling in their tips. Mother Wolf lay with her big gray nose dropped across her four tumbling, squealing cubs, and the moon shone into the mouth of the cave where they all lived. "Augrh!" said Father Wolf. "It is time to hunt again." He was going to spring downhill when a little shadow with a bushy tail crossed the threshold and whined: "Good luck go with you, O Chief of the Wolves. And good luck and strong white teeth go with noble children that they may never forget the hungry in this world."

It was the jackal--Tabaqui, the Dish-licker--and the wolves of India despise Tabaqui because he runs about making mischief, and telling tales, and eating rags and pieces of leather from the village rubbish-heaps. But they are afraid of him too, because Tabaqui, more than anyone else in the jungle, is apt to go mad, and then he forgets that he was ever afraid of anyone, and runs through the forest biting everything in his way. Even the tiger runs and hides when little Tabaqui goes mad, for madness is the most disgraceful thing that can overtake a wild creature. We call it hydrophobia, but they call it dewanee--the madness--and run.

"Enter, then, and look," said Father Wolf stiffly, "but there is no food here."

"For a wolf, no," said Tabaqui, "but for so mean a person as myself a dry bone is a good feast. Who are we, the Gidur-log [the jackal people], to pick and choose?" He scuttled to the back of the cave, where he found the bone of a buck with some meat on it, and sat cracking the end merrily.

"All thanks for this good meal," he said, licking his lips. "How beautiful are the noble children! How large are their eyes! And so young too! Indeed, indeed, I might have remembered that the children of kings are men from the beginning."



Now, Tabaqui knew as well as anyone else that there is nothing so unlucky as to compliment children to their faces. It pleased him to see Mother and Father Wolf look uncomfortable.

Tabaqui sat still, rejoicing in the mischief that he had made, and then he said spitefully: "Shere Khan, the Big One, has shifted his hunting grounds. He will hunt among these hills for the next moon, so he has told me."

Shere Khan was the tiger who lived near the Waingunga River, twenty miles away.

"He has no right!" Father Wolf began angrily--"By the Law of the Jungle he has no right to change his quarters without due warning. He will frighten every head of game within ten miles, and I--I have to kill for two, these days."

"His mother did not call him Lungri [the Lame One] for nothing," said Mother Wolf quietly. "He has been lame in one foot from his birth. That is why he has only killed cattle. Now the villagers of the Waingunga are angry with him, and he has come here to make our villagers angry. They will scour the jungle for him when he is far away, and we and our children must run when the grass is set alight. Indeed, we are very grateful to Shere Khan!"

"Shall I tell him of your gratitude?" said Tabaqui.

"Out!" snapped Father Wolf. "Out and hunt with thy master. Thou hast done harm enough for one night."

"I go," said Tabaqui quietly. "Ye can hear Shere Khan below in the thickets. I might have saved myself the message."

Father Wolf listened, and below in the valley that ran down to a little river he heard the dry, angry, snarly, singsong whine of a tiger who has caught nothing and does not care if all the jungle knows it.

"The fool!" said Father Wolf. "To begin a night's work with that noise! Does he think that our buck are like his fat Waingunga bullocks?"

"H'sh. It is neither bullock nor buck he hunts to-night," said Mother Wolf. "It is Man."

The whine had changed to a sort of humming purr that seemed to come from every quarter of the compass. It was the noise that bewilders woodcutters and gypsies sleeping in the open, and makes them run sometimes into the very mouth of the tiger.



JUMP 1

Answer the multiple choice questions by circling or highlighting one option.

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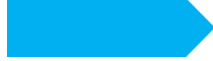
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What is a bullock?

a young cow	a young bull	a young buck	a young jackal
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Where was the *humming purr* sound coming from?

the hills	a compass	the woodcutters	all directions
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JUMP 2

Find a word in the passage to match the meaning given in the table.

Word	Meaning
	<i>baby tigers</i>
	<i>marking the entrance to a home</i>
	<i>playful or bad behaviour</i>
	<i>to praise or admire</i>
	<i>to do or say so as to scorn or hurt</i>
	<i>a cry, moan or howl</i>
	<i>showing appreciation</i>
	<i>to search carefully</i>



JUMP 3

Write a quote from the text proving proof of each statement.

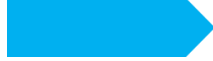
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Quote	

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Quote	

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Quote	

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Quote	

Statement	<i>Father Wolf is not grateful to Shere Khan.</i>
Quote	



Answer each question by writing a single sentence.

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ANSWER

b. What does the term *the Dish-licker* tell you about Tabaqui?

ANSWER

c. Why did Father Wolf have to kill for two?

ANSWER

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ANSWER

e. Why did the gypsies *sometimes run into the mouth of the tiger*?

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SOLUTIONS



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threshold	<i>marking the entrance to a home</i>
mischief	<i>playful or bad behaviour</i>
compliment	<i>to praise or admire</i>
spitefully	<i>to do or say so as to scorn or hurt</i>
whine	<i>a cry, moan or howl</i>
gratitude	<i>showing appreciation</i>
scour	<i>to search carefully</i>



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a. What does *the herds are shut in byre* mean?

The cows were safely locked up in a shed at night.

b. What does the term *the Dish-licker* tell you about Tabaqui?

Tabaqui was greedy because he ate everything that was on his plate.

c. Why did Father Wolf have to kill for two?

Father Wolf had to feed Mother Wolf and the tiger cubs.

d. Why did Shere Khan *begin a night's work with that noise*?

Shere Khan wanted to frighten the buck living in the forest.

e. Why did the gypsies *sometimes run into the mouth of the tiger*?

The gypsies were confused when they woke up and ran into the jungle where Shere Khan could kill them.