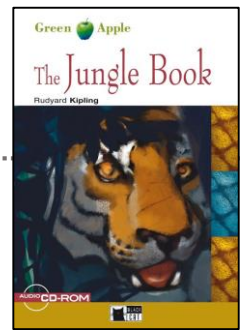


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EXERCISE 1 – Comprehension check of Background Notes

Choose the correct answer (a, b or c).

1. Where do Mother Wolf, Father Wolf and the four cubs live?

- [a]. under a big tree
- [b]. inside a cave
- [c]. outside a cave

2. What does the man cub do when he sees the wolves?

- [a]. He starts to drink Mother Wolf's milk.
- [b]. He starts to play with the wolf cubs.
- [c]. He starts to cry.

3. Who is Shere Khan?

- [a]. He is the oldest wolf.
- [b]. He is the king of the jungle.
- [c]. He is a dangerous tiger.

4. What does the Law of the Jungle say?

- [a]. The wolf pack must fight against Shere Khan.
- [b]. The wolf pack must give the man cub a name.
- [c]. The wolf pack must see all the wolf cubs when they can walk.

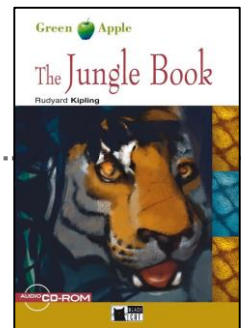
CHAPTER 2 – COUNCIL ROCK

When the four wolf cubs can walk, Father Wolf takes them and Mowgli to Council Rock, where hundreds of wolves meet each month. Shere Khan is hiding behind the trees and cries, 'The man cub is mine!' Then he disappears. Akela is the important leader of the wolf pack and he sits on a big rock. Each new wolf is presented to him and to the others. Akela sees the man cub and says, 'Look carefully, wolves! Look carefully! Who speaks for this man cub? Two voices must speak for him, but not his father and mother.'



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Exercise 2 – READING

Read the first part of the extract.

A big, sleepy brown bear appears in front of Akela.

'Baloo!' says Akela, surprised. Baloo teaches the Law of the Jungle to the wolf cubs and he speaks at the meetings of the Council. Everyone likes him because he eats only nuts and honey—he doesn't hunt.

'I can speak for the man cub,' says Baloo with his low voice. 'I can teach him to run with the Pack.'

'Very well,' says Akela.

Another animal silently jumps down into the circle of wolves. It is Bagheera the panther. He is black, brave and strong. He is also very clever.

'Akela, can I speak?' asks Bagheera softly.

'Yes, you can,' says Akela.

'The Law of the Jungle says it's possible to buy the life of a cub,' says Bagheera. 'It's bad to kill a man cub because he can't hurt you. Let him live and I can give you a fat bull to eat.'

'Good! Good!' say the young wolves. They are always hungry and want to eat the fat bull. 'Let him live!'

'Very well,' says Akela. 'Look carefully, wolves! Look carefully!'

The wolves walk near Mowgli and look at him carefully. Then they go away and only Akela, Baloo, Bagheera and Mowgli's wolf family are at the Council. They can hear Shere Khan roaring in the night.

'Men and their cubs are clever,' says Akela. 'One day this man cub can help us. Now take him away and teach him everything he must know.'

3. Chapter 4 – KAA

Mowgli is now around ten years old. He is a happy boy. Baloo and Bagheera love him and they are good teachers. They teach him how to live in the jungle and they teach him the important Master Words. They also tell him about the monkeys. The monkeys don't have a law and they're dirty and noisy.

EXERCISE 3 - Now read the second part of the extract.

When Baloo and Bagheera wake up after their nap, they can't find Mowgli. 'Where's Mowgli?' asks Bagheera. Baloo looks up a tree and sees Mowgli. The Monkey People are holding his legs and arms! Baloo shouts angrily and Bagheera tries to climb up the tree. But he is too heavy for the small branches. The monkeys laugh loudly and carry Mowgli away. Baloo and Bagheera are very angry and worried. They follow the monkeys and Mowgli, but the monkeys move very quickly. It is exciting for Mowgli to fly in the sky. The monkeys jump quickly from tree to tree, but Mowgli is afraid of falling. 'Where are the monkeys taking me?' he thinks. 'I must tell Baloo and Bagheera. But how?'

EXERCISE 4 – PREDICTION

What is going to happen to Mowgli? Where are the monkeys taking him and why? Can Baloo and Bagheera help Mowgli?

