

Vocabulary Words

1. raise (verb) /reɪz/ to take care of a person, or an animal or plant, until they are completely grown:
Example: Her parents died when she was a baby and she was raised by her grandparents.
2. cub (noun) /kʌb/ a young lion, bear, wolf, etc.
Example: A mother bear is fiercely protective of her cubs.
3. prisoner (noun) /'prɪz.ən.ə/ a person who is kept in prison as a punishment
Example: Prisoners climbed onto the prison roof to protest the conditions inside the prison.
4. abandon (verb) /ə'bæn.dən/ to leave a place, thing, or person, usually forever
Example: We had to abandon the car.
5. rescue (verb) /'res.kju:/ to help someone or something out of a dangerous, harmful, or unpleasant situation
Example: The lifeboat rescued the sailors from the sinking boat.
6. nearby (adverb) /,nɪr'baɪ/ not far away
Example: If there's a café nearby, we could stop for a snack.
7. realize (verb) /'ri:.ə.laɪz/ to understand a situation, sometimes suddenly
Example: They didn't realize the danger they were in.

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The Jungle Book

Once upon a time, a young boy was **raised** by wolves in the jungle, since his childhood.

The wolf family raised the baby as their own.

The young boy Mowgli learned to take care of himself in the jungle, but his friend the black panther "Bagheera" was always nearby.

He was always prepared to protect the young boy, Mowgli.

Mowgli became part of the wolf pack, and Baloo, the old bear, and Bagheera, the black panther, taught him the law of the jungle.

Mowgli's most dangerous enemy in the jungle was Sher Khan. He was the man-eating tiger in the jungle and wanted to kill the man-cub "Mowgli" before he had a chance to become a man living in the jungle.



The leader of the wolves said there is only one way to protect Mowgli from Sher Khan.

That is to take him to the man's jungle, the village.

Bagheera agreed to take Mowgli to the man's jungle.

But, when Mowgli heard this, he started crying.

He said, "No! I want to stay in the jungle".

He did not listen to Bagheera and ran into the jungle.

But, Mowgli was not alone in the jungle for long.

Within days, he met with a jungle bear named Baloo.

After a while, both Mowgli and Baloo went swimming in the river.

One day, a monkey took Mowgli to the **prisoner** who lived in an **abandoned** city in the jungle.
Both Baloo and Bagheera got help from the Kaa, the Python and **rescued** him.
As Mowgli got older he was in great danger from Sher Khan.
The one thing that Sher Khan was afraid of in the jungle was fire.
So, Mowgli decided to go to a **nearby** village and stole a pot with fire in it.
Mowgli used fire to fight with Sher Khan.
He knew that he would have to kill Sher Khan to be safe in the Jungle.



As Mowgli got older, the other animals in the jungle **realized** that he can't live with them as a grown man.
Mowgli decided to return to the village where he was adopted by a family.
But Sher Khan found him.
This time, Mowgli killed Sher Khan.
But, the villagers were afraid of Mowgli, so they chased him away and he returned to live in the jungle.
He was once again welcomed by his family in the jungle and they lived happily ever after.

Discussion

1. Do you think the story of Mowgli can happen in real life? Why or why not?
2. What do you think are his strongest/weakest characteristics?
3. Besides Mowgli, which character do you think is the most important in the story?

4. If Sher Khan was human, what type of person do you think he is?
5. Which character do you like the most/least? Why?
6. What challenges or difficulties do you think Mowglie faced when he returned to the village?