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# The Jungle Book

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Joseph Rudyard Kipling (1865–1936) was a British author of poetry and fiction. Born in Bombay, India, Kipling spent the first six years of his life there. He also went back to India to work when he was older. Kipling worked as a journalist, poet, novelist, and short story writer. He wrote *The Jungle Book* in 1894 as a collection of stories. Kipling won the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1907.

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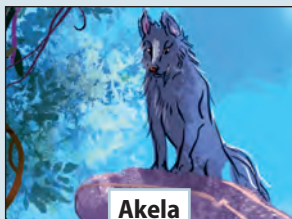
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# ACTIVITIES

## BEFORE READING

- 1 Here are some characters from *The Jungle Book*. Match them with the animals in the box. Use a dictionary to help you.

bear kite panther snake tiger wolf



Akela

a wolf



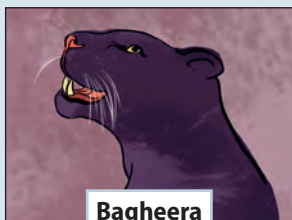
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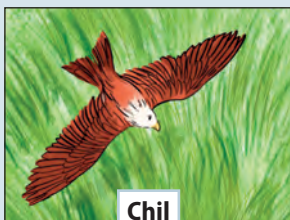
Baloo

c .....



Bagheera

d .....



Chil

e .....



Kaa

f .....

- 2 In *The Jungle Book*, a boy called Mowgli lives in the jungle. What happens in the story? Tick (✓) four things.

- a Mowgli lives with a family of wolves. ☐
- b Shere Khan becomes his friend. ☐
- c Mowgli makes a house in the trees. ☐
- d Baloo and Bagheera teach Mowgli many things. ☐
- e Mowgli goes to an old city. ☐
- f Shere Khan and Kaa fight. ☐
- g Mowgli meets his mother and father again. ☐

- 3 Answer the questions about the story.

- a Why does Mowgli live in the jungle – what do you think?
- b Is he going to leave the jungle one day? Why or why not?



## Chapter One

# The man cub



On a hot evening in the Seoni hills in India, some villagers ate after the **hunt**. Suddenly, they saw a **tiger**. It was Shere Khan, the man-killer with the bad leg. People ran here and there, afraid. 'My **baby**!' Messua cried. 'Where's my baby?' 'Nobody can help him now,' a villager said. 'The tiger has him.' The villagers took Messua away.



'A man cub!' Shere Khan thought. 'He can't go far. I can eat him later, after this meat.'



Just then, Father **Wolf** came. He found the baby. 'Shere Kahn is *not* going to eat him,' he thought.

**cub** a baby animal

**hunt** when people look for and kill animals to eat; to look for animals to kill and eat

**tiger** a big black, white and orange animal that eats meat

**baby** a very young child

**wolf** (*plural wolves*) a big grey, brown or black animal like a dog that eats meat

Father Wolf brought the baby home.  
'Shall we keep him?' he asked.  
'Yes. Put him with our cubs,' Mother Wolf answered. 'Look, he isn't afraid. I'm going to call him Mowgli.'



Later, big Shere Khan came, but he couldn't get in. 'Give me the man cub,' he said.  
'No!' said Mother Wolf. She **showed** him her teeth. 'He's our cub now.'  
'One day, I'm going to hunt him,' Shere Khan said angrily.  
'No, he's going to hunt *you*,' Mother Wolf answered.



One day, Father Wolf said, 'We must show our cubs to the **wolf pack**. It's the **Law** of the **Jungle**.'

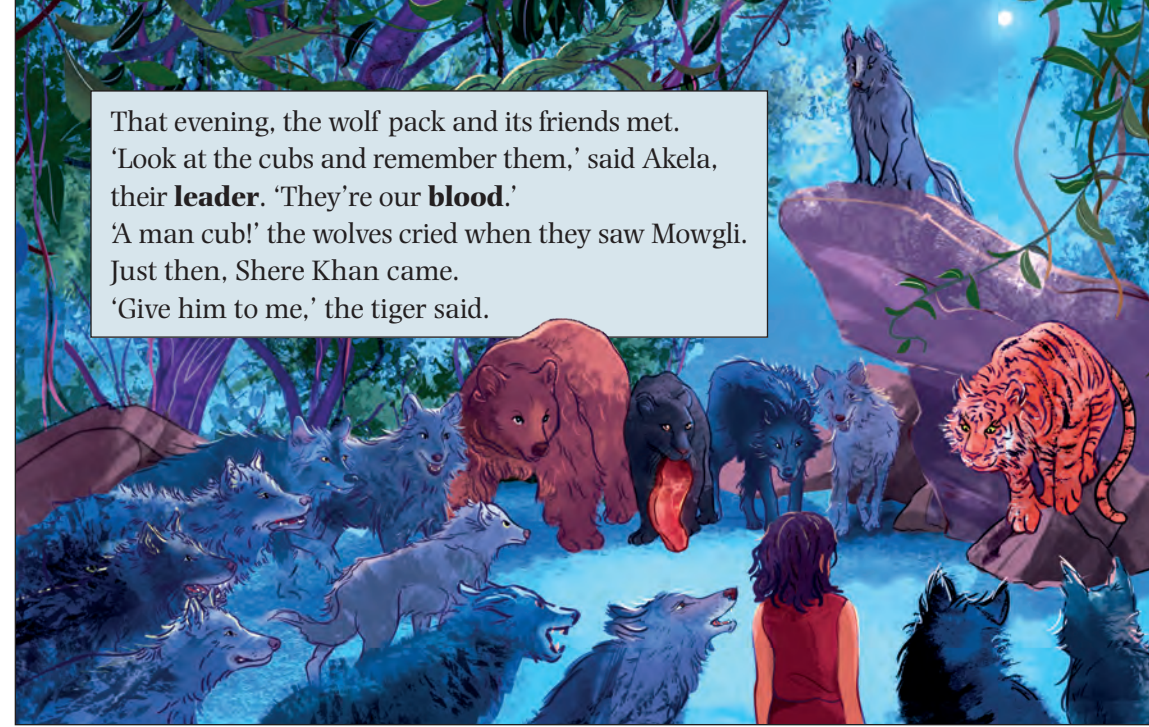
**show** to help someone to see something

**wolf pack** a big family of wolves

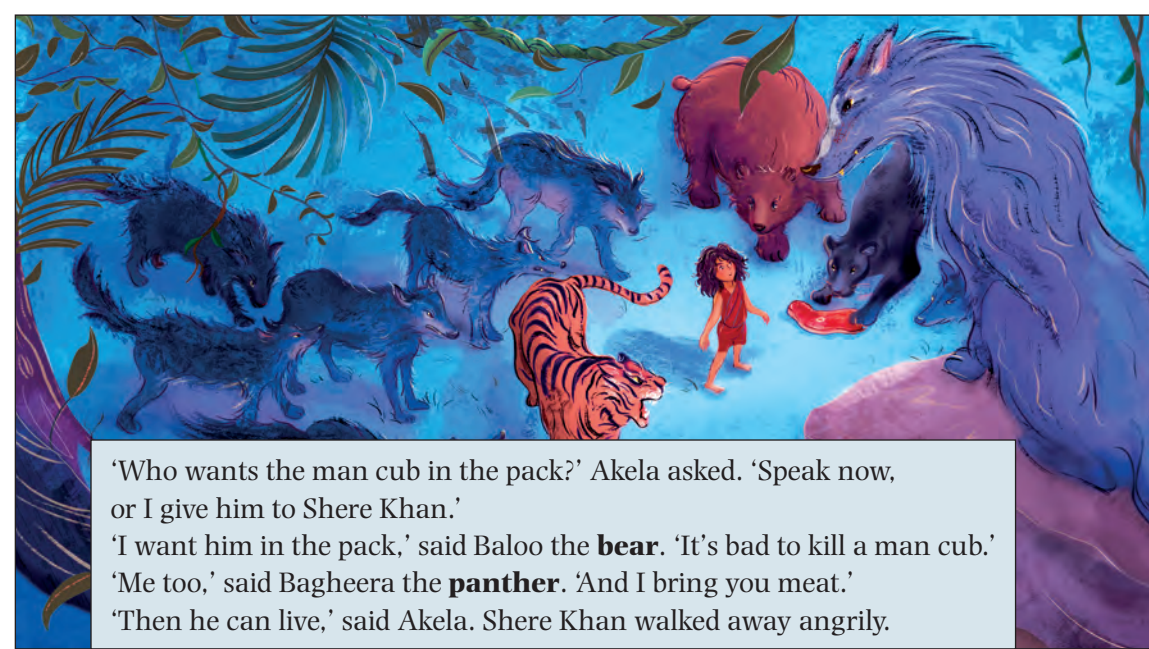
**law** something that tells you what you must or must not do

**jungle** a place with a lot of trees and animals





That evening, the wolf pack and its friends met.  
'Look at the cubs and remember them,' said Akela,  
their **leader**. 'They're our **blood**.'  
'A man cub!' the wolves cried when they saw Mowgli.  
Just then, Shere Khan came.  
'Give him to me,' the tiger said.



'Who wants the man cub in the pack?' Akela asked. 'Speak now,  
or I give him to Shere Khan.'  
'I want him in the pack,' said Baloo the **bear**. 'It's bad to kill a man cub.'  
'Me too,' said Bagheera the **panther**. 'And I bring you meat.'  
'Then he can live,' said Akela. Shere Khan walked away angrily.

**leader** the most important one in  
a group

**blood** this is red, and you see it when  
you cut your body

**bear** a big black, brown, white, or grey  
animal with big claws

**panther** a big black or yellow-brown  
animal that eats meat



Mowgli lived in the jungle with his wolf family. He played with his wolf brothers, and Baloo taught him the Law of the Jungle.



Bagheera and Father Wolf taught Mowgli to hunt. Soon he could move in the jungle and make no noise.



Mowgli learned the call of every animal, and how to speak with them.



Kee-ee!  
Good hunting,  
**kite!**



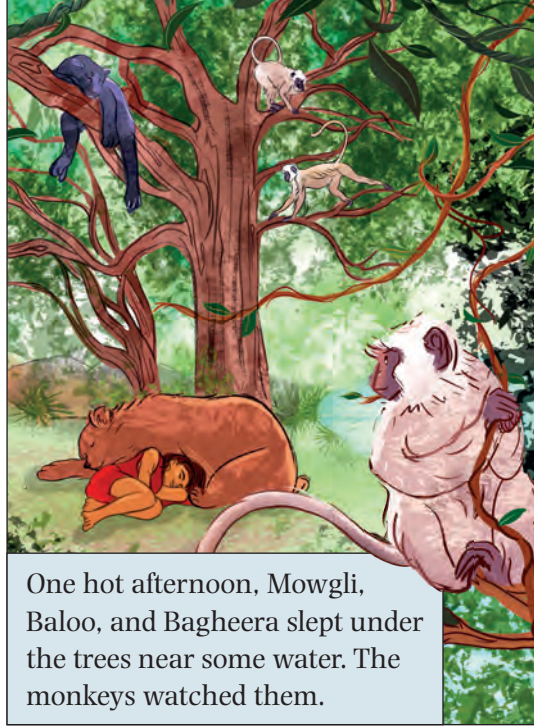
Sssss ... **snake**  
brother. We are of one  
blood, you and I.

**kite** a big red and brown bird with a white head

**snake** a long animal that has no legs



One day, Mowgli played with the **monkeys**, but Baloo was angry. 'You can't be friends with the monkeys,' he said. 'They eat everything, and they're bad. They don't understand the Law of the Jungle.'



One hot afternoon, Mowgli, Baloo, and Bagheera slept under the trees near some water. The monkeys watched them.

The monkeys came near to Mowgli. Then suddenly, they took him and carried him up into the trees.



Bagheera and Baloo heard Mowgli's cries. But the monkeys were fast, and Bagheera and Baloo were big and slow. Soon they were far behind. 'Help me!' Mowgli cried.

**monkey** an animal with a long tail that climbs and lives in trees

## READING CHECK

**Correct eight more mistakes in the chapter summary.**

One day, some villagers were in the <sup>jungle</sup> ~~river~~ when Shere Khan the tiger came. Everyone ran, and Messua couldn't find her husband. Shere Khan saw the child and wanted to hunt him – after he finished the villagers' meat. But just then a panther found the boy and took him home. Mowgli lived with a family of wolves, and he played with the other cubs. Later, Mother and Father Wolf gave Mowgli to the wolf pack. Some wolves didn't want Mowgli in the pack, but Baloo and Bagheera wanted him in the pack. Then Akela, the wolves' father, said, 'He can live.'

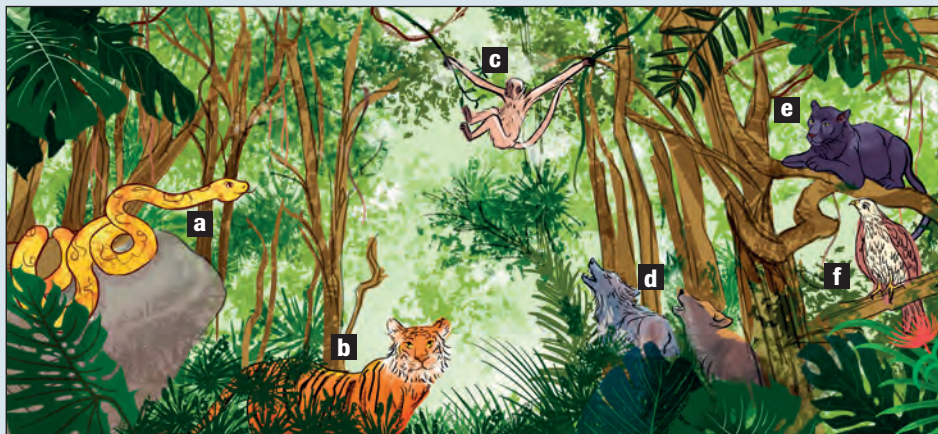
Baloo taught Mowgli the Road of the Jungle, and Mowgli also learned the song of every animal – from the kite to the snake. Baloo and Bagheera were friends with Mowgli and helped him, but Baloo was very happy when Mowgli played with the monkeys. Then one afternoon, the monkeys came and took Mowgli. They carried him up into the hills.





## WORD WORK

1 Write words from Chapter 1 to match the things in the picture.



a ..... snake .....

c .....

e .....

b .....

d .....

f .....

2 Complete the sentences with words from Chapter 1.

- a Many animals must hunt for their food.
- b It's important to know the L \_ \_ of the Jungle.
- c Mowgli lives with a wolf family and plays with their c \_ \_ \_ .
- d Akela is the l \_ \_ \_ \_ of the wolves.
- e All wolves must show their young to the wolf p \_ \_ \_ .
- f 'We are of one b \_ \_ \_ d,' Mowgli tells a snake.

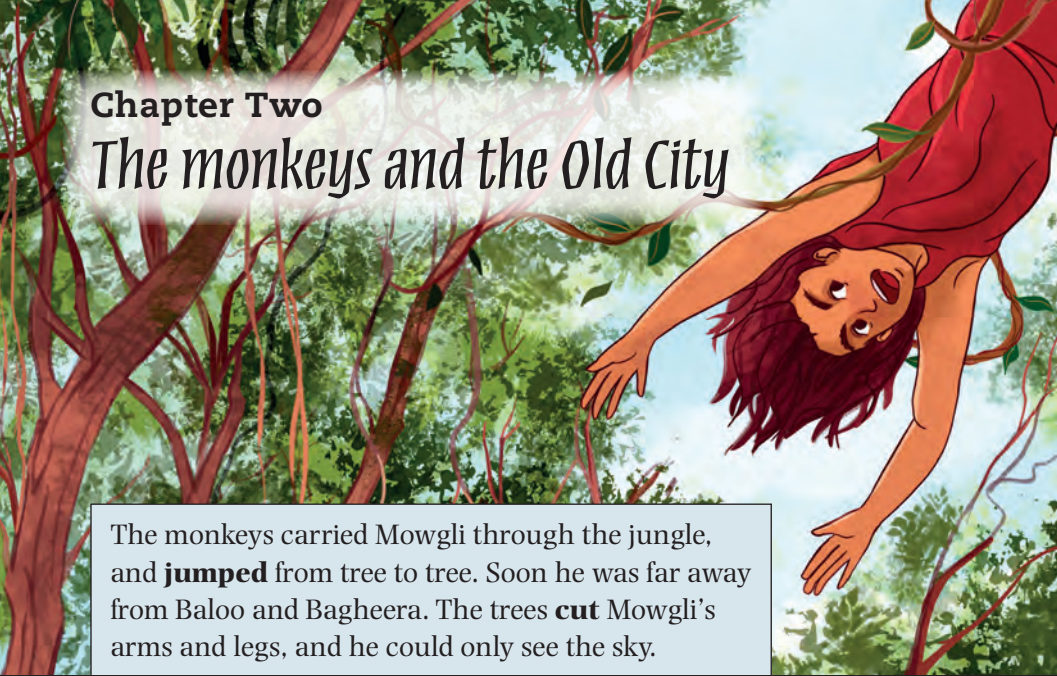
## GUESS WHAT

What happens in the next chapter? Tick (✓) three sentences.


- a Mowgli asks Chil the kite to do something. ☐
- b Mowgli lives with a monkey family. ☐
- c Baloo and Bagheera talk to Kaa the snake. ☐
- d Some villagers find Mowgli in the jungle. ☐
- e Some animals want to kill Baloo and Bagheera. ☐
- f Mowgli runs away. ☐

## Chapter Two


# The monkeys and the Old City



The monkeys carried Mowgli through the jungle, and **jumped** from tree to tree. Soon he was far away from Baloo and Bagheera. The trees **cut** Mowgli's arms and legs, and he could only see the sky.



Then Mowgli looked up and saw Chil the kite. 'Kee-ee!' Mowgli called to her. 'We are of one blood, kite. **Follow** the monkeys, and tell Bagheera where I am.'



At last, the monkeys arrived at the Old **City** and came down from the trees. 'You're going to live here with us, man cub,' they said.

**jump** to move suddenly from place to place

**cut** (*past cut*) to open something with a thing like a knife; a place where blood comes from your body after something hits it

**follow** to go after someone

**city** a big town



The monkeys **danced** everywhere. 'We're different to the animals in the jungle,' they told Mowgli. 'We have a city. And you're going to be our leader.' 'Then bring me bananas,' Mowgli said. 'At once!' they answered. But they soon began to fight, and forgot about the bananas.



'They're **stupid**,' Mowgli thought. 'I must leave.' He stood up and began walking. He went along a road, past old buildings and water **tanks**. Then he came to the city **wall**.



'You cannot leave,' the monkeys told Mowgli. 'You're our leader now.' And they took him back.

**dance** to move your body and feet, for example, to music

**stupid** not thinking well

**tank** people build this to keep water in

**wall** something long and tall, often in a town

Chil found Baloo and Bagheera. 'Your man cub is in the Old City,' she said. 'We must help him,' Bagheera said. 'But how?' 'Let's talk to Kaa the snake,' said Baloo. 'Monkeys are afraid of him.'



'Great Kaa, why do the monkeys laugh at you?' Baloo asked Kaa. Kaa was very angry when he heard this.



Then Bagheera said, 'The monkeys took Mowgli. We're going to **attack** them.' 'Then I'm coming too,' said Kaa.

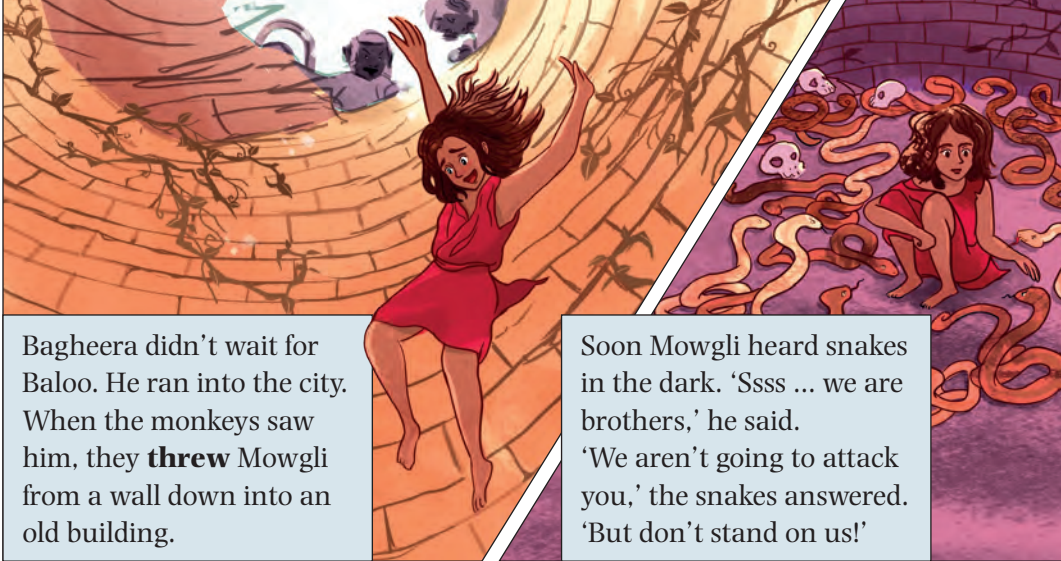


Bagheera and Kaa arrived at the Old City before fat, old Baloo. 'Good hunting,' said Kaa. His eyes looked cold. Then suddenly he wasn't there.

**great** very good, big, or important

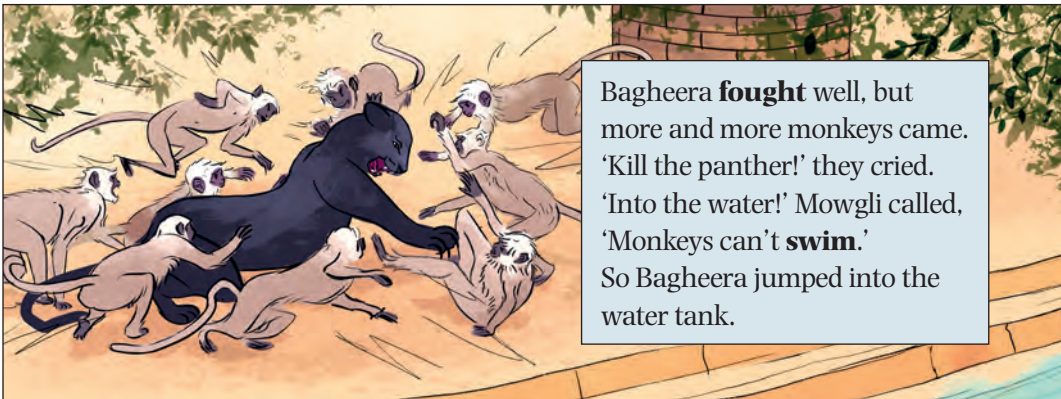
**attack** to suddenly begin fighting someone



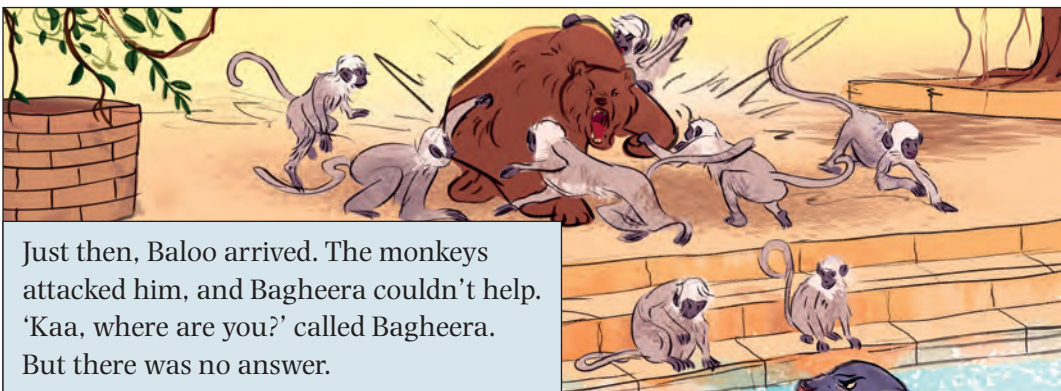


Bagheera didn't wait for Baloo. He ran into the city. When the monkeys saw him, they **threw** Mowgli from a wall down into an old building.

Soon Mowgli heard snakes in the dark. 'Ssss ... we are brothers,' he said. 'We aren't going to attack you,' the snakes answered. 'But don't stand on us!'



Bagheera **fought** well, but more and more monkeys came. 'Kill the panther!' they cried. 'Into the water!' Mowgli called, 'Monkeys can't **swim**.' So Bagheera jumped into the water tank.



Just then, Baloo arrived. The monkeys attacked him, and Bagheera couldn't help. 'Kaa, where are you?' called Bagheera. But there was no answer.

**throw** (*past threw*) to make someone or something move through the air

**fight** (*past fought*) to hit someone again and again

**swim** (*past swam*) to go through water by moving your body



# ACTIVITIES

## READING CHECK

Choose the correct ending for each sentence.

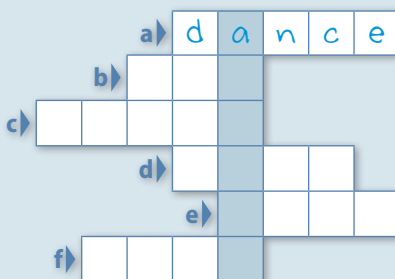
- a Mowgli asks Chil to ...
  - 1 fight the monkeys.
  - 2 follow the monkeys.
- b The monkeys want Mowgli to ...
  - 1 be their leader.
  - 2 bring them food.
- c Kaa thinks that the monkeys are ...
  - 1 very stupid.
  - 2 laughing at him.
- d When Mowgli is in a dark room, he ...
  - 1 talks to some snakes.
  - 2 fights with an animal.
- e After the monkeys attack Bagheera, he jumps ...
  - 1 over the city walls.
  - 2 into a water tank.
- f Bagheera calls for ...
  - 1 Kaa.
  - 2 Baloo.

## WORD WORK

Read the clues and complete the words in the puzzle.

What is the mystery word in the blue squares?

- a To move your body and feet (often to music).
- b A place where blood comes from your body after something hits it.
- c Very important or big.
- d Something long and tall, often in a town.
- e A big town.
- f People keep water in this building.



Mystery word: .....





# ACTIVITIES

## GUESS WHAT

What happens in the next chapter? Tick (✓) three pictures.

