

The Jungle Book, written by Rudyard Kipling, was published in the 1890s. It is a collection of stories about many animals, including a pack of wolves. The tales in the book are fables set in the Indian jungle, which use animals with human characteristics to give moral lessons. One of the tales tells the story of a young boy who is adopted by wolves.

In 1967, Walt Disney made the book into a cartoon film. It was very successful, mainly because of the songs sung by the animal characters, and it was equally enjoyed by children and adults.

Mother Wolf

is named 'Raksha the demon' in the film because of her ferocity as a fighter when protecting her cubs. She is a female Indian wolf and urges her wolf pack to accept and adopt a human 'cub' because she has a soft spot for all babies, not just her own cubs.



Meet some of the characters



Father Wolf

does not have a name in the original stories but, in Disney's film, Father Wolf is named 'Rama' which means pleasant.



Shere Khan

is a very arrogant character and regards himself as the Lord of the Jungle.

'Shere' means tiger in Urdu and in Hindi (which are both South Asian languages); 'Khan' is a title to show that he was a chief among tigers. In Disney's film, Shere Khan is the major villain. He is shown as being powerful, deadly and sophisticated – with a very gentle, purring voice. Man's gun and man's fire are the only things Shere Khan fears.



Mowgli

is the young hero of *The Jungle Book*. It was often claimed that 'Mowgli' meant frog in the language of the jungle and that the human 'cub' was given this name because, like frogs, he had no fur. However, this is a name Kipling made up.

1. In what year was *The Jungle Book* made into a film?

1 mark

2. The tiger's name, *Shere Khan*, comes from **two** different languages.

What are they?

_____ and _____

1 mark

3. Shere Khan fears only **two** things.

What are they?

Tick **two**.

wolves

guns

humans

fire

tigers

1 mark

4. When does Mother Wolf become a fierce fighter?

1 mark

5. Complete the table below to show the characters in *The Jungle Book*, their names, and the meaning of their names.

2 marks

Character	Name	Meaning of name
	Rama	pleasant
	Shere Khan	
Hum an 'cub'		no meaning

6. Look at the section headed: **Mother Wolf**.

Why is the word '*cub*' written in inverted commas?

_____ 1 mark

7. Look at the section headed: **Shere Khan**.

Find and **copy one** word that tells you Shere Khan thinks he is better than anyone else.

_____ 1 mark

8. *Shere Khan is the major villain.*

Give the meaning of the word *villain* in this sentence.

_____ 1 mark

Mark schemes

1 Award **1 mark** for:

- 1967.

2 Award **1 mark** for both:

- Urdu and Hindi.

Accept minor copying errors: eg *Hindus*

Do not accept:

- South Asian.

3 Award **1 mark** for **both** boxes correctly ticked.

wolves	<input type="checkbox"/>
guns	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
humans	<input type="checkbox"/>
fire	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
tigers	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. Award **1 mark** for reference to someone threatening her cubs, eg:

- *when someone threatens / hurts her babies*
- *when her cubs are in danger*
- *to protect her cubs.*

Also **award 1 mark** for direct text lifts, eg:

- *when protecting her cubs.*

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Character	Name	Meaning of name
Father Wolf	<i>Rama</i>	<i>pleasant</i>
Tiger	<i>Shere Khan</i>	chief (among) tiger(s)
<i>Human 'cub'</i>	Mowgli	<i>no meaning</i>

Up to 2 marks

6 Award **1 mark** for reference to the fact that Mowgli was not a true animal cub, not a wolf (this may be implied), eg:

- *because Mowgli is not really a cub*
- *because Mowgli is not a cub he is just a young boy but brought up by wolves*
- *humans are called babies, not cubs*
- *a human cub is a baby.*

1 mark

7 Award **1 mark** for:

Arrogant

Also accept Lord

1 mark

8 Award **1 mark** for reference to bad character eg:

- wicked person
- the baddie (in a film)

1 mark