

# CHAPTER 1

It was seven o'clock. It was a warm evening. Father Wolf woke up.

"It is time to hunt," Father Wolf thought.

He got up and walked over to Mother Wolf. Tabaqui, the **jackal**, walked up to the wolves.

"Shere Khan, the Big One, has **shifted** his hunting ground," Tabaqui said.

"The big tiger is **scaring** all the animals away. It is harder for me to hunt," Father Wolf **growled**. He was angry with Shere Khan. He did not like the tiger.

"The men of the village hate Shere Khan. He makes them angry. They will set fire to the grass to scare him away," Mother Wolf said.

The jungle shook as Shere Khan **roared**.

"I do not understand why he roars. He just scares everything away," Father Wolf said.

"He is not scaring everything away. Shere Khan is hunting. He is hunting the men from the village," Mother Wolf said.

There is a law in the jungle. It is called the Law of the Jungle. Eating men is against the Law of the Jungle. Father Wolf went hunting. He went on his own. He stayed away from Shere Khan. He was walking through the jungle. A man **cub** walked up to him. He was very small. He couldn't talk.

**jackal** (n) a wild dog found especially in Africa and Asia

**shift** (v) to change

**scare** (v) to make someone afraid; to frighten

**roar** (v) to make a loud sound (e.g. *lions roar*)

**cub** (n) a young animal



*Father Wolf was walking through the jungle. A man cub walked up to him.*

Father Wolf picked him up. He carried the man cub back to Mother Wolf.

“The man cub is not afraid of us. We will **raise** him as our son,” Mother Wolf said.

“We have to keep him away from Shere Khan. Our cave is too small. He cannot get inside,” Father Wolf said.

Shere Khan came to the wolves' cave. He tried to get inside.

“Give me the man cub!” Shere Khan growled.

“No, one day, the man cub will grow up to hunt you,” Mother Wolf **yelled** at the tiger.

“I will eat the man cub one day,” Shere Khan growled. He went away from the wolves' cave.

“We will give the man cub a name,” Father Wolf said.

“I will call him Mowgli. It means little frog,” Mother Wolf said.

“We will take him to Council Rock. The **pack** is meeting. We will show him to Akela,” Father Wolf said.

Akela was the leader of the wolf pack.

They went to the Council Rock with Mowgli. Akela was there. They showed Mowgli to Akela. Shere Khan arrived.

“That man cub is man,” Shere Khan growled.

**raise** (v) to bring up a child or an animal, to care for them

**yell** (v) to shout loudly

**pack** (n) a group of animals (*a wolf pack*)



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# VOCABULARY CHECK

## Test-1

**Fill in the blanks with the words below.**

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**jungle      hostages      raised      betrayed      curious**  
**gathered      law      disappeared      safe      village**

1. A ..... is something that people make. It is a rule. There are big punishments for breaking it.
2. I didn't want to stay there on my own because I didn't feel .....
3. A ..... is made up of lots of plants and trees.
4. The children were playing in the garden two minutes ago but they suddenly .....
5. I am really ..... . What did she tell you?
6. A ..... is a small place. It is where a small number of people live.
7. After her parents' death, her aunt ..... her.
8. She ..... her friends. She told all of their secrets to the principal.
9. The demonstrators ..... in front of the parliament building.
10. The rebels not set the ..... free.

## Test-2

**Match the definitions (1-10) on the right with the words (a-j) on the left.**

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| a. ___patrol  | 1. a group of animals                                    |
| b. ___pack    | 2. to stop burning                                       |
| c. ___hiss    | 3. to walk or go around a place to check that it is safe |
| d. ___go out  | 4. a person who is not brave or easily scared            |
| e. ___pounce  | 5. to attack suddenly                                    |
| f. ___scare   | 6. a person held as a prisoner by an enemy               |
| g. ___curious | 7. to make someone afraid                                |
| h. ___hostage | 8. to change   |
| i. ___coward  | 9. make a sound like a long 's'                          |
| j. ___shift   | 10. interested in learning about people or things        |