



# The Jungle Book

by Rudyard Kipling

Rudyard Kipling's stories follow Mowgli, a boy raised by wolves in the Indian jungle, alongside memorable animal characters like Baloo the bear and the fearsome tiger Shere Khan.

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## Power Words

| # | WORD               | DEFINITION   |
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| 1 | <b>cunning</b>     | adj. having skill in achieving goals by trickery.<br>  <i>"Mowgli was cunning enough to use the Red Flower against the tiger before the Pack could intervene."</i>                                     |
| 1 | <b>disciplined</b> | adj. showing control over one's behavior and actions.<br>  <i>"The wolf pack remained disciplined under Akela's leadership, following the Law even when the hunt went badly."</i>                      |
| 1 | <b>ferocious</b>   | adj. fierce and violent.<br>  <i>"The dholes were ferocious fighters, but they had never faced a pack that hunted alongside a man-cub."</i>  |
| 1 | <b>gravely</b>     | adv. very serious or important; causing deep concern<br>  <i>"Bagheera spoke gravely of the Red Flower, warning Mowgli that fire was a tool no jungle beast could master."</i>                         |
| 1 | <b>imperiously</b> | adv. in a way that shows authority or power.<br>  <i>"Shere Khan spoke imperiously at the Council Rock, expecting every wolf to bow before his striped authority."</i>                                 |
| 1 | <b>instinctive</b> | adj. without thinking or in way that is natural<br>  <i>"Mowgli's instinctive crouch at the sound of a twig snapping was something no man had ever taught him."</i>                                    |
| 1 | <b>mesmerize</b>   | v. to hold someone's attention completely.<br>  <i>"Kaa could mesmerize his prey with slow, hypnotic coils, drawing the unwary closer with every deliberate movement."</i>                             |
| 1 | <b>obedient</b>    | adj. doing what you are told to do.<br>  <i>"Mowgli was obedient to the Law of the Jungle in ways that no man-cub had ever been before."</i>   |
| 1 | <b>predatory</b>   | adj. relating to animals that hunt other animals for food.<br>  <i>"There was a predatory grace in the way Shere Khan limped forward, lame paw notwithstanding, toward the Council fire."</i>          |
| 1 | <b>reverently</b>  | adv. in a way that shows deep respect.<br>  <i>"The younger wolves listened reverently as Baloo recited the Master Words of the jungle creatures one by one."</i>                                      |
| 1 | <b>sovereign</b>   | n. a supreme ruler or monarch.<br>  <i>"Shere Khan moved through the undergrowth as sovereign and unchallenged as any creature the jungle had ever known."</i>   |
| 1 | <b>stealthily</b>  | adj. done or acting in a secretive or covert way; sneaky; furtive<br>  <i>"Bagheera moved stealthily through the tall grass, his black coat invisible against the shadows of the night hunt."</i>      |
| 1 | <b>territorial</b> | adj. relating to a specific area or region.<br>  <i>"The wolves grew territorial when strange packs approached the den, and Akela's howl silenced every challenger."</i>                               |
| 1 | <b>unrelenting</b> | adj. 1 neverceasing; 2 not to be placated or appeased or moved by entreaty<br>  <i>"The jungle was unrelenting in its demands, testing every creature daily with heat, hunger, and hidden danger."</i> |
| 1 | <b>venomous</b>    | adj. 1 able to inflict a poisoned bite or sting or wound 2 marked by deep ill will<br>  <i>"Kaa's venomous reputation kept even the bravest animals at a respectful distance in the Cold Lairs."</i>   |