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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.

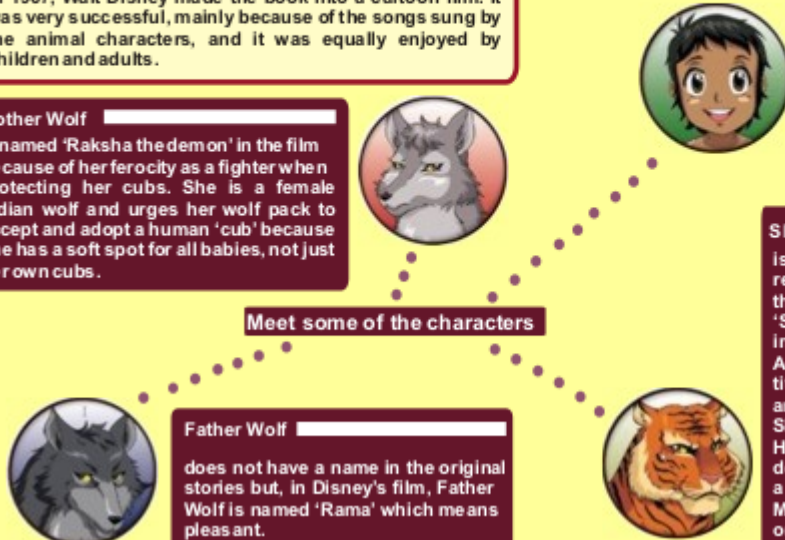
Mowgli is the young hero of *The Jungle Book*. It was often claimed that 'Mowgli' meant frog in the language of the jungle and that the human 'cub' was given this name because, like frogs, he had no fur. However, this is a name Kipling made up.

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.

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.

Meet some of the characters



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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

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guns

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humans

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fire

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tigers

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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.

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

2 marks

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