



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