

TEXT 2 Extract: The Jungle Book

During the next eleven years, Baloo taught Mowgli all the Laws of the Jungle. He was a very fast learner, and as a man-cub, he had to learn more than his wolf brothers. Sometimes Bagheera, the Black Panther, would come to see Mowgli **recite** the day's lesson to Baloo. Mowgli learned how to climb enormous trees, swim through the deep lakes and run through the jungle. He learned about the Wood and Water **Laws**: how to tell the difference between a good branch and a **rotten** one; how to speak **politely** to the wild bees; what to say to Mang the bat when he disturbed him in the branches at midday; and how to warn the water-snakes in the **vast** pools before he splashed into them.

VOCABULARY

Recite: to say something aloud, from memory

Laws: a rule that is used to order the way in which society behaves

Rotten: something that is gradually damaged

Politely: to do or say something in a calm manner

Vast: extremely big



The depths of the jungle

Instructions: Use the information in **TEXT 2** to answer the questions below. Read the questions, and choose the correct answer, **A**, **B**, or **C**.

Why would Bagheera sometimes come to see Mowgli?

- 3 **A** To teach him how to climb trees
- 4 **B** To teach him the Laws of the Jungle
- C** To see him recite the day's lesson

The Wood and Water Laws were teaching Mowgli to _____.

- 4 **A** speak to his wolf brothers
- B** respect the other animals in the jungle
- C** become a man-cub

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