

Sound It Out, Mowgli

A Jungle Book Early Reader



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Sound It Out Reader Series

This book, *Sound It Out, Mowgli*, is the second book in the series called *Sound It Out! Readers*. The *Sound It Out* books are dual readers.

Each book contains two portions of text for each two-page spread/picture. One text is written at a new reader level. On the opposite page there is text written at an upper level (that an older student can read or that a parent/teacher can read to a younger child). These readers literally grow with your child's reading skills!

Sound It Out, Mowgli is a reader and a story book in one whimsical book and is based on the lovable character from *The Jungle Book*. The student text is vocabulary-controlled for new readers to be able to read silently or orally.

The pictures are delightful, and the text is engaging for children of all ages.

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Father Wolf was out hunting for food. He heard a noise. He followed the noise until he found a basket with a baby human in it!

He brought the basket back to his cave. He showed the baby to Mother Wolf. She was happy to see the baby. She said they would take care of the baby until the wolf council would meet.

The parents were afraid the wolf council would not let them keep the baby to raise him. The wolves did not usually like humans. They would wait and see.

Just then Shere Khan, the mean tiger, came to their cave. He told them that later on, the wolves would get to him. They would not let the pair keep the baby.

When that happened, Shere Khan said he would eat the baby!





Daddy Wolf heard something.
He found a baby boy. He took the
child back to his cave.

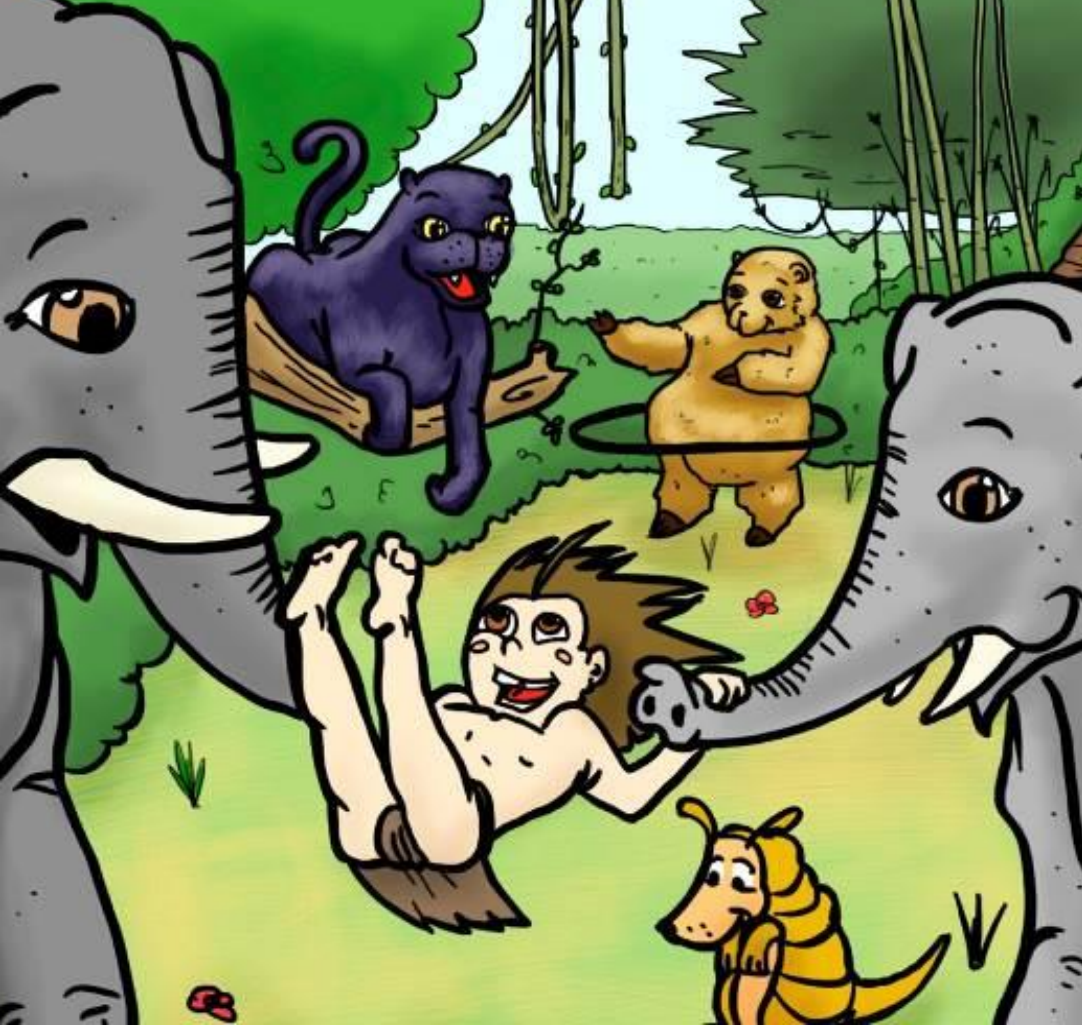
A mean tiger wanted to eat the
boy. Mommy and Daddy Wolf would
keep the boy safe.

Mother and Father Wolf loved their man cub. They named him Mowgli. This name meant little frog.

Mowgli grew up and loved to play with his best friends, a panther named Bagheera and a bear named Baloo.

They played with other jungle animals who were also friendly.





The mom and dad wolf named the boy Mowgli.

The boy had two best friends. One friend was a panther named Bagheera. One friend was a bear named Baloo.

Baloo took special care of Mowgli. He played with him in the jungle. He carried him on his back. They were the best of friends.

Baloo and Bagheera protected Mowgli from the mean tiger named Shere Khan and the mean wolves. They knew they couldn't protect him forever. But they did what they could until the council meeting.





The bear named Baloo loved to play with Mowgli.

Mowgli was safe when his friends were close by.

The wolves met for the council meeting. Mother and Father Wolf were nervous. The wolves did not want to let their man-cub into the pack.

Baloo, the bear, spoke up. The wolves listened to him. But they still needed one more vote.

Bagheera, the panther, said that if they would let Mowgli in the pack, he would give the wolves the meat of a bull. So they said yes.

This made Shere Khan angry. He was planning to get Mowgli, and he wanted to get him soon!





All of the cubs had to come to the meeting.

The wolves and the tiger did not want to let Mowgli in the pack. His friends said they should let him in. So they did--for now.

Mowgli loved to explore with Baloo. One day Mowgli was running through the jungle alone.

Suddenly, he felt himself being lifted off the ground! Some monkeys had grabbed him. He knew that he was supposed to avoid the monkeys, but now what could he do?

Thankfully, a bird saw what had happened. He flew to tell Mowgli's friends. Baloo and Bagheera came to save him from the crazy monkeys!





One day some monkeys got the
boy! They swung him around.
He could not get away!

Just as they were safely away from the monkeys, the friends ran into more trouble. Kaa, a slithering sneaky snake, got their attention.

Kaa started to do his snake dance. His dance put Baloo and Bagheera into a trance!

Mowgli started to get sleepy.

He had to stop it! He jumped up and started shaking his friends. They woke up and ran far away from Kaa!





Mowgli and his friends ran away from the monkeys. Soon they ran into a snake!

The snake did a crazy dance. It made Mowgli's friends go to sleep.

He shook his friends. They woke up, and they all ran away!

As Mowgli's parents got older, the evil wolves saw their chance to take them down and get Mowgli out of the pack. They had a meeting to plan what to do.

Shere Khan, the mean tiger, was at the meeting. He told the wolves that he would help them defeat Mowgli's parents as long as he got Mowgli in the end. They agreed to his plan.





Mowgli's mom and dad were getting old. The mean wolves knew they could hurt them.

They had a meeting. The tiger told the wolves he would help them.

Bagheera, the panther, heard the meeting from a branch he was hiding on. He ran to tell Mowgli what the wolves had said--and what Shere Khan had said.

The panther told Mowgli that he could defeat Shere Khan. Mowgli did not see how he could do this.

Bagheera told Mowgli that tigers are afraid of fire. Mowgli could go into the village and get "the red flower." This is what the creatures of the village called the fire. This would help Mowgli stop Shere Khan!





The panther told Mowgli their bad plan.

Mowgli did not know how to save his wolf parents.

The panther told him to get fire! The tiger is afraid of fire.

When the meeting time came,
Mowgli ran bravely to the village.
He crept up to the closest hut.
He grabbed the torch from its
holder.

He ran as fast as he could back
to the village to try to save
Father Wolf from the enemy
wolves and Shere Khan!





The night of the meeting came.
Mowgli ran to the humans'
homes. He got the fire!

Shere Khan ran right at Mowgli.
Mowgli held the torch up high, and
Shere Khan backed away.

It worked! The tiger was afraid of
the fire!

However, when Mowgli turned to help
Father Wolf, he was too late! The
evil wolves had killed the elder wolf.
Mowgli ran as fast as he could with
tears burning his cheeks.





Mowgli ran to the tiger.

He held the fire up!

It worked! The tiger ran away.

Bagheera came to comfort Mowgli. Mowgli was so sad that he could not save Father Wolf. He was also sad because he knew that he must leave the jungle.

Bagheera and Mowgli said their goodbyes. Then Mowgli left the jungle and went back to the human village to live.





Father Wolf was dead. The bad wolves wanted to hurt him too!

Mowgli was sad. He knew he had to leave his friends.

He went to the village to live with humans.

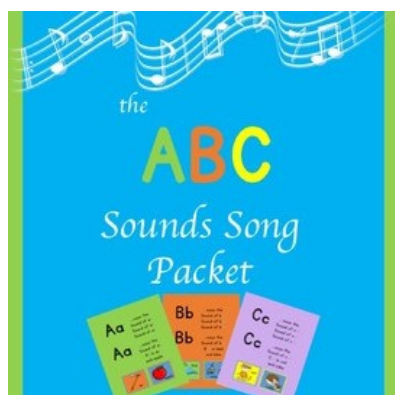
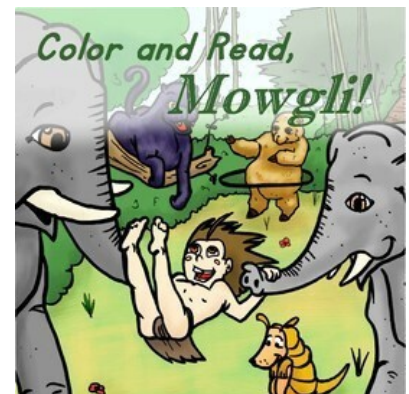
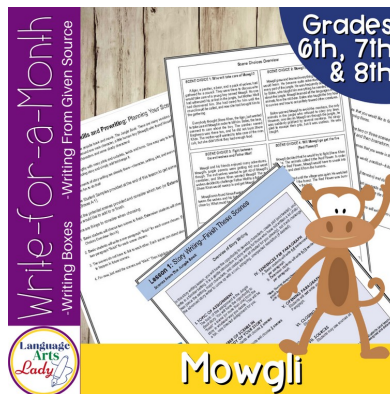
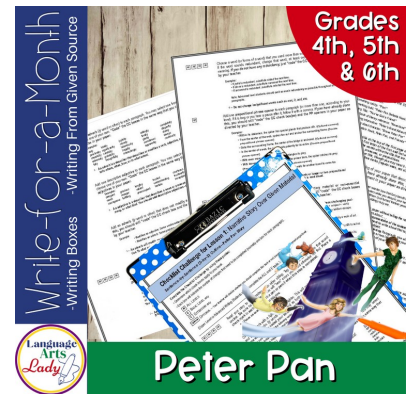
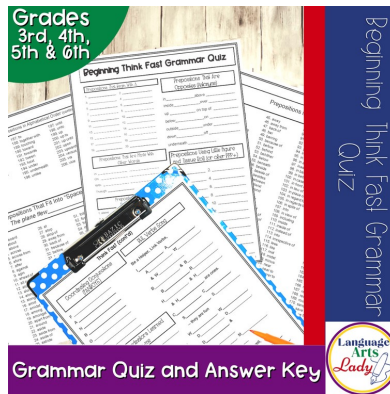
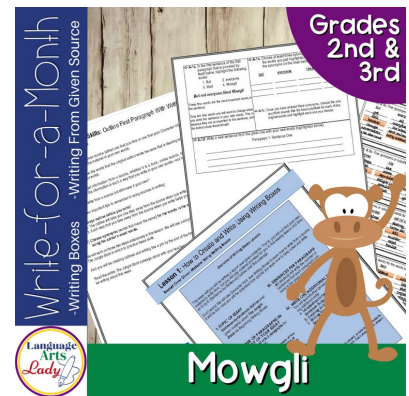
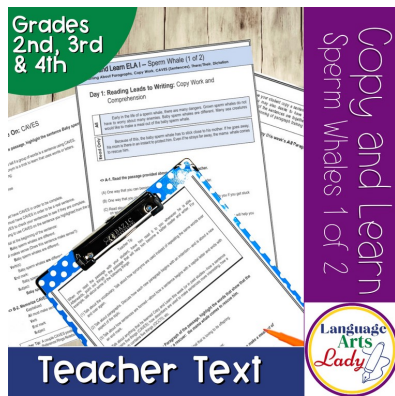
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