



Sound It Out, Baloo
A Jungle Book Early Reader

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Sound It Out Reader Series

This book, *Sound It Out, Baloo*, 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, Baloo 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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Mowgli was a young boy who was carried off into the jungle and was raised by wolves. Mother and Father Wolf adopted him. He loved his wolf family.

He quickly learned everything he needed to know about the jungle. He learned them from his two friends, Baloo the Bear and Bagheera the panther.

Mowgli had to be saved from being killed several times. Bagheera and Baloo rescued him. He also saved himself and his friends by using his intelligence. He used the Red Flower, which was fire. This scared off Shere Khan.



Mowgli



Mowgli lived in the jungle. He had a wolf mom and a wolf dad. They raised him.

He had two friends. One was a bear and one was a panther. It was hard to live in the jungle. A

mean tiger always hunted for
Mowgli.

Bagheera was a wise black panther. A panther is a large member of the cat family. He was sleek and beautiful.

He was one of the most feared animals in the jungle. However, he did not kill humans like Shere Khan, the tiger. He did not have much to do with the other animals in the jungle.

Bagheera was one of Mowgli's best friends. He loved Mowgli and looked after him. He was a good advisor and protector for Mowgli.



Bagheera



Bagheera was a panther. A panther is a large cat. He lived in the jungle with Mowgli.

He did not kill humans. He was Mowgli's friend. He helped him stay safe.

Baloo was an old brown bear. He was in charge of teaching Mowgli the laws of the jungle. He was the animal with the most knowledge of the jungle.

He took his job seriously, and he carefully taught Mowgli. He did everything in his power to protect Mowgli from danger. He bravely defended Mowgli when the monkeys kidnapped the boy.

He and Mowgli went on many adventures together. They sang and played. They ate and laughed. They also watched out together for the dreaded tiger, Shere Khan.



Baloo



Baloo was a brown bear. He helped Mowgli learn about the jungle. He was funny.

Mowgli and Baloo had fun. They sang and played. They loved being best friends.

Mother Wolf raised Mowgli as if he were one of her own cubs. She was kind and nurturing. She kept Mowgli even though the mean wolves didn't want him in the jungle.

She was also extremely protective. She carefully guarded Mowgli and his "brothers" from the dangers of the jungle. She loved Mowgli dearly. She would have given her life to defend him.



Mother Wolf



Mother Wolf took care of Mowgli. She loved him like he was her own cub.

She kept him safe. She tried to keep other animals from hurting him.

Father Wolf found Mowgli and brought him back to Mother Wolf. He agreed with Mother Wolf that they should keep the man cub and raise him. He told the wolf council that he and Mother Wolf were going to be Mowgli's parents.

He was a good father to all of his cubs. He protected them and taught them. He helped Mother Wolf with Mowgli. Eventually, he fought the mean wolves to save Mowgli's life.



Father Wolf



Father Wolf found Mowgli in the jungle. He helped Mother Wolf take care of the man-cub. He tried to keep the man-cub safe. He fought the mean wolves to save Mowgli.

A part of the wolf pack hated Mowgli. These wolves disliked Father Wolf for allowing the pack to accept Mowgli. They longed for him to be dead.

The mean wolves wanted to take command over the pack. They met with the evil tiger, Shere Khan. They decided to conquer Father Wolf.

They were willing to give Shere Khan power in order to do this. Shere Khan wanted Mowgli!



Mean Wolves



There were some mean wolves in the jungle. These wolves wanted Mowgli out. They made a plan with the tiger. The wolves and Shere Khan fought Father Wolf.

Shere Khan was a tiger with one lame foot. He hated men and often attacked human villages. He was very feared in the jungle.

Father and Mother Wolf stopped his first attempt to kill Mowgli. He hated Mowgli since the other animals had accepted the boy.

The tiger's main goal was to kill Mowgli. To get a chance to do this, he helped the mean wolves kill Father Wolf.



Shere Khan



The tiger was named Shere Khan. He was mean. He hurt humans and other animals.

He wanted to kill Mowgli. He helped the mean wolves attack Father Wolf.

Kaa was a huge, ruthless python. A python is a large snake.

He terrorized the monkeys whom he often hunted. He helped free Mowgli from the monkeys.

However, he only rescued the boy because he knew the monkeys would make a wonderful meal. He also used hypnosis to try to turn Bagheera and Baloo into meals for him. He was a very clever snake.



Kaa



Kaa was a snake. He was a big snake called a python. He did tricks on the jungle animals.

He hunted monkeys. He tried to catch Mowgli and his friends.

The monkeys were hated by everyone in the jungle. They refused to obey any of the laws that the other animals followed. They threw sticks and mud at wounded animals.

They were, however, frightened of Kaa. Kaa was the python. He could catch the monkeys easily. He wanted to eat them.

The monkeys also kidnapped Mowgli because they thought he could be useful to them. They were swinging him from monkey to monkey! Mowgli's friends had to rescue him from the monkeys.



The Monkeys



The monkeys were bad animals.
Nobody liked them. They broke all
of the jungle rules. They swung
Mowgli round and round.

Kaa was a snake. He wanted to eat the monkeys.

Brother Wolf was one of Father and Mother Wolf's cubs. He was great friends with Mowgli. The two of them had been raised together.

After Mowgli left the jungle, he kept up his friendship with Brother Wolf. Brother Wolf came to visit him in the village late at night. They made secret plans to kill the tiger, Shere Khan.

Later, Mowgli met Brother Wolf in the jungle. Together, they killed Shere Khan.



Brother Wolf



Brother Wolf was Mowgli's wolf brother. He was Mowgli's friend too.

When Mowgli went back to the village to live, Brother Wolf came. They made a plan. They would beat the tiger!

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