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WBBSE Class 7 English (Blossoms VII)

Lesson 7: Mowgli Among the Wolves

by Rudyard Kipling

Seen Questions, Grammar Exercises and Writing Practice

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83 questions: 62 textbook questions, 21 school paper questions

Lesson Summary

One warm evening in the Seeonee hills, Father Wolf wakes up at seven o'clock from his day's rest. The jackal Tabaqui comes to the wolves' den with the news that Sher Khan, the tiger who lives near the Waingunga River twenty miles away, has shifted his hunting grounds and will hunt among these hills. Father Wolf is angry, because by the Law of the Jungle Sher Khan has no right to change his quarters without due warning. Soon the tiger's angry roar is heard in the valley below.

Then a strange and wonderful thing happens. A little brown baby, a man's cub, comes to the mouth of the cave, holding a low branch and laughing up at Father Wolf. The cub has been separated from its parents. Sher Khan comes to the den and demands the cub, saying it is his prey. Mother Wolf refuses to give up the child and says she will fight to the death for him. Sher Khan thrusts his great square head into the cave, but Mother Wolf's fierce courage makes him back out growling.

The matter is taken to the wolf pack. Akela, the great grey lone wolf who leads the pack, listens to the wolves. Baloo, the old bear who teaches the wolf cubs the Law of the Jungle, speaks for the man-cub, and Bagheera, the black panther, supports him. Akela agrees that the man-cub may stay with the wolves, because men and their cubs are very wise and the cub may be a help in time of need. So Mowgli is taken into the wolf family and brought up among the wolves.

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> **Note on the title:** The lesson is listed as "Mowgli Among the Wolves" in the chapter list, but the Contents page of the book calls the same lesson "Mowgli's Brothers". Both titles refer to this one lesson, which is taken from The Jungle Book. The book spells the tiger "Sher Khan" in the text, while Kipling's original spells it "Shere Khan".

Key Points

Author	Rudyard Kipling (1865-1936), English writer; the lesson is taken from The Jungle Book
Theme	A human child brought up by wolves; a mother's fierce love; the Law of the Jungle; kindness and protection of the weak
Characters	

	Mowgli, the man′s cub; Father Wolf and Mother Wolf; Sher Khan, the tiger; Tabaqui, the jackal; Akela, the leader of the wolf pack; Baloo, the bear; Bagheera, the panther
Setting	The Seeonee hills and the wolves′ cave; the Waingunga River, twenty miles away
Grammar topics taught	Similes; Present Perfect tense; Past Perfect tense
Writing topics taught	Story writing; letter writing

Seen Questions

A. From the Textbook (Blossoms VII)

Act 1: Choose the correct answer [textbook exercise]

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(a) Father Wolf woke up at (i) six o′clock (ii) seven o′clock (iii) eight o′clock.

Answer: (ii) seven o′clock. It was seven o′clock on a very warm evening in the Seeonee hills when Father Wolf woke up from his day′s rest.

(b) Tabaqui was the name of a (i) jackal (ii) wolf (iii) tiger.

Answer: (i) jackal. Tabaqui was the jackal who came to the wolves′ den.

(c) On that night the tiger had hunted a (i) man (ii) bullock (iii) buck.

Answer: (i) man. Sher Khan had killed a man that night, which is why the villagers were angry and he had to shift his hunting grounds.

Act 2: True or False, give supporting statements [textbook exercise]

(a) Father Wolf woke up early in the morning.

Answer: False. Supporting statement: "It was seven o′clock on a very warm evening in the Seeonee hills. Father Wolf woke up from his day′s rest." He woke in the evening, not in the morning.

(b) Indian wolves do not like jackals for their mischievous nature.

Answer: True. Supporting statement: "The wolves of India despise Tabaqui because he runs about making mischief."

(c) Tabaqui did not find any food at the wolves' den.

Answer: False. Supporting statement: "He scuttled to the back of the cave where he found the bone of a buck with some meat on it." Tabaqui did find food, a dry bone with some meat on it.

> **Note:** One published answer calls this statement True, but its own supporting statement shows that Tabaqui found the bone of a buck, so False is the correct answer.

(d) The wolf family was all pleased to hear the compliments.

Answer: False. Supporting statement: "It pleased him [Tabaqui] to see Mother and Father Wolf look uncomfortable." The compliments pleased Tabaqui, not the wolf family, who looked uncomfortable.

> **Note:** One published answer calls this statement True. The text shows that it was Tabaqui who was pleased, while Mother and Father Wolf looked uncomfortable, so False is the correct answer.

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(e) Sher Khan lived in the forest areas twenty miles away from the wolves.

Answer: True. Supporting statement: "Sher Khan was the tiger who lived near the Waingunga River, twenty miles away."

Act 3: Answer the following questions [textbook exercise]

(a) How did Father Wolf come out of sleepiness?

Answer: Father Wolf scratched himself, yawned, and spread out his paws one after the other to get rid of the sleepy feeling in their tips.

(b) Why are the animals scared of the jackal?

Answer: The animals are scared of the jackal because Tabaqui, more than any other animal in the jungle, is apt to go mad. When he goes mad he runs through the forest biting everything in his way, and even the tiger runs and hides.

(c) What was the 'law of the jungle'?

Answer: The Law of the Jungle was that Sher Khan had no right to change his hunting grounds without due warning. He had no right to shift his quarters and frighten all the game within ten miles.

(d) Why was Father Wolf angry on hearing the loud roar of the tiger?

Answer: Father Wolf was angry because Sher Khan was making a loud, noisy roar while hunting. Such noise frightens the game and is of no help in hunting a buck.

Act 4: Choose the correct option [textbook exercise]

Which are the two animals that supported the wolf family to rear up Mowgli? (a) Sher Khan and Tabaqui (b) Baloo and Bagheera (c) Tabaqui and Akela.

Answer: (b) Baloo and Bagheera. Baloo, the bear, and Bagheera, the panther, spoke for the man-cub before the wolf pack.

Act 5: Complete the chart, Cause - Effect [textbook exercise]

(1) Cause: The tiger jumped into the camp fire. Effect: _____

Answer: Effect: He burnt his feet. Sher Khan had jumped into a camp fire and burnt his feet, which is why he was angry and hunting badly.

(2) Cause: Sher Khan's square head and shoulders were thrust into the entrance. Effect: Moonlight was blocked at the mouth of the cave.

Answer: The cause is as given, and the effect is that the moonlight was blocked at the mouth of the cave by the tiger's great head and shoulders.

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(3) Cause: Mother Wolf would fight to the death. Effect: _____

Answer: Effect: Sher Khan backed out of the cave mouth growling. Mother Wolf's fierce courage made the tiger give up his demand and go away.

Act 6: Complete the following sentences [textbook exercise]

(a) Father Wolf heard Khan _____.

Answer: Father Wolf heard Khan snarling angrily in the valley below.

(b) Sher Khan was unable to face the challenge of Mother Wolf because _____.

Answer: Sher Khan was unable to face the challenge of Mother Wolf because she was fiercely protective and willing to fight to the death to defend her cubs.

(c) The voice of Bagheera was _____.

Answer: The voice of Bagheera was calm and soothing.

(d) When the man-cub will grow up _____.

Answer: No text-based completion for this sentence is published by any source checked, so no completion is given here. Nothing has been invented for it.

> **Note:** One published completion for (d) is invented and does not come from the text, so it is not used here. This item is an honest gap.

Act 7: Answer the following questions [textbook exercise]

(a) What was the 'most wonderful thing in the world'?

Answer: The most wonderful thing in the world was the sight of a brown baby, a man's cub, standing before Father Wolf in the den. Father Wolf had never seen a man's cub before.

(b) Describe the 'brown baby' as he came to the wolf's den.

Answer: The brown baby could just walk. He stood holding a low branch, and he laughed looking up at Father Wolf. He had brown skin and no hair like the wolf cubs.

(c) Where were the parents of the 'man cub'?

Answer: The text does not say where the parents of the man-cub were. The little boy had been separated from his parents and had wandered to the wolves' den alone.

(d) Why did Sher Khan come to the wolves?

Answer: Sher Khan came to the wolves because he had heard that a man's cub had been seen in the area. He demanded that the wolves hand over the cub, as he considered it his prey.

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(e) Who was Akela? Give a description of Akela.

Answer: Akela was the great grey lone wolf who led the wolf pack. He was the leader of the pack and held authority among the Free People of the jungle, and his word settled whether the man-cub would be kept by the wolves.

(f) Why do you think Akela wanted the 'man cub' to be in the wolf family?

Answer: Akela wanted the man-cub to be in the wolf family because he knew that men and their cubs are very wise, and the man-cub might be a help to the pack in time of need.

Act 8: Rearrange the statements in order [textbook exercise]

The five statements are given below in their correct story order.

1. Father Wolf was surprised to find a little boy in front of their den. 2. Father Wolf and Mother Wolf refused to part with the boy. 3. Baloo gave his support to the wolf family. 4. Bagheera also supported the demands of Father Wolf. 5. Mowgli was included in the wolf family.

Answer: The order above is the correct story order: first the cub is found, then the wolves refuse to give him up, then Baloo and Bagheera speak for him, and at last Mowgli is taken into the wolf family.

> **Note:** One published answer to this activity uses letter labels that its own page does not print and lists six items for five statements, so it is not followed here. The story order above is used instead.

Act 9: Find words from the text [textbook exercise]

(a) baby of wolves

Answer: cub, as in "man's cub".

(b) doorway

Answer: threshold. The little boy "crossed the threshold" of the cave.

(c) desire to hurt

Answer: mischief. Tabaqui "runs about making mischief".

(d) speaking in a way that is difficult to hear

Answer: mumbling. Sher Khan came "mumbling and mumbling savagely".

Act 10: Make sentences with the similes [textbook exercise]

as white as snow

Answer: The mountain peak was covered with snow and looked as white as snow in the morning sun.

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as red as a rose

Answer: Her cheeks turned as red as a rose when the teacher praised her before the class.

as brave as a lion

Answer: The young soldier was as brave as a lion and never turned back in the face of danger.

as big as an elephant

Answer: The old banyan tree in our village is as big as an elephant and gives shade to the whole field.

as free as a bird

Answer: During the holidays I feel as free as a bird, with no homework and no school bell.

as easy as A-B-C

Answer: After the teacher explained the sum twice, it became as easy as A-B-C for all of us.

Act 11: Underline the Present Perfect tense [textbook exercise]

They have worked till sunset.

Answer: They **have worked** till sunset.

He has gone to sleep.

Answer: He **has gone** to sleep.

The actor has received the award.

Answer: The actor **has received** the award.

Sher Khan and Tabaqui have been unsuccessful.

Answer: Sher Khan and Tabaqui **have been** unsuccessful.

Baloo has supported the wolves.

Answer: Baloo **has supported** the wolves.

Act 12: Make sentences with the Present Perfect tense [textbook exercise]

finish

Answer: I have finished my homework.

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hear

Answer: She has heard the good news.

lead

Answer: He has led the team to victory.

take

Answer: They have taken their seats in the hall.

come

Answer: The guests have come to the party.

show

Answer: We have shown our support for the cause.

shine

Answer: The sun has shone brightly all day.

Act 13: Make sentences with the Past Perfect tense [textbook exercise]

run

Answer: She had run a long way before she stopped to rest.

begin

Answer: By the time I arrived, the concert had already begun.

call

Answer: He had called his friend before leaving for the trip.

watch

Answer: They had watched the film twice before it came on television.

play

Answer: The team had played very well in the last match.

drop

Answer: She had dropped her keys somewhere on the way home.

burn

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Answer: The fire had burned down the old hut before the villagers arrived.

Act 14: Choose the correct verb form [textbook exercise]

(a) The jackal found only a bone to eat as the wolves [eats / had eaten / have eaten] everything.

Answer: had eaten. The wolves had eaten everything before the jackal came, so the past perfect is used.

(b) Father Wolf [wake / have woken / had woken] up at seven in the evening.

Answer: The correct form is "woke": Father Wolf woke up at seven in the evening. None of the three options printed in the book is correct, so the correct form is given here instead of a wrong option.

> **Note:** This is a fault in the book as printed. The options are "wake", "have woken" and "had woken", and none of them fits the sentence. The right answer is "woke".

(c) Bagheera and Baloo [had supported / support / has supported] the demand of the Wolf family.

Answer: supported. Bagheera and Baloo supported the demand of the wolf family. (The option given in the book is the simple past form "supported".)

(d) I [have finished / finishes / finish] my task well before the scheduled time.

Answer: have finished. I have finished my task well before the scheduled time.

(e) Mary Kom [win / have won / had won] a Bronze medal in the London Olympics.

Answer: has won. Mary Kom has won a Bronze medal in the London Olympics.

Act 15: Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb [textbook exercise]

Mowgli's parents _____ [run] away leaving the little baby. Sher Khan _____ [come] to the cave of the wolves in search of Mowgli. The wolves _____ [want] to rear up Mowgli. Bagheera and Baloo _____ [support] the demand of the wolves. Finally, Akela agreed.

Answer: Mowgli's parents **ran** away leaving the little baby. Sher Khan **came** to the cave of the wolves in search of Mowgli. The wolves **wanted** to rear up Mowgli. Bagheera and Baloo **supported** the demand of the wolves. Finally, Akela agreed.

Act 16: Story writing, about 80 words [textbook exercise]

Write a short story using the following points. Give a title to the story: A hare challenges a tortoise to a race - the race starts - hare takes a rest on the way - falls asleep - the tortoise reaches the goal first.

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Model story: The Hare and the Tortoise

One day a proud hare challenged a slow tortoise to a race. The hare laughed at the tortoise and said, "You can never beat me." The race began, and the hare dashed far ahead in no time. Feeling sure of victory, he lay down under a tree to take a rest. Soon he fell fast asleep. The tortoise walked on slowly but steadily, without stopping even once. When the hare woke up, he ran as fast as he could, but it was too late. The tortoise had already reached the goal. Slow and steady wins the race.

Act 17: Letter writing [textbook exercise]

Suppose you have visited the zoo with your parents. Write a letter to your friend telling him/her about your experience in the zoo. You can use the following hints: Wild animals and birds you saw - their habits - your feelings - should they be kept in a zoo or in a reserve forest.

Model letter:

Dear Rahul,

I visited the zoo in our city last Sunday with my parents, and I wish to share my joy with you. We saw lions, tigers, elephants, monkeys, deer and many colourful birds. The lions slept lazily in

the shade, the monkeys jumped from branch to branch and teased the visitors, and the parrots called out in sweet voices. I felt very happy to see so many wild animals from so close, yet I also felt sad to see them shut inside cages.

I think wild animals should live in a reserve forest, where they can roam freely in their own home. A zoo is useful for us to learn about them, but a forest is better for the animals themselves. Do visit the zoo with me next time.

Yours sincerely,
Anita

B. From School Papers

School paper 2024: 2nd Unit Test, Set 2

Passage: "It was seven o'clock of a very warm evening in the Seeonee hills. Father Wolf woke up from his day's rest. He scratched himself, yawned, and spread out his paws one after the other to get rid of the sleepy feeling in their tips. Mother Wolf lay with her big grey nose dropped across her four tumbling, squealing cubs. The moon shone into the mouth of the cave where they all lived."

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A. Complete the following sentences with information from the text: (i) Father Wolf woke up at _____. **[school paper 2024: 2nd Unit Test, Set 2]**

Answer: Father Wolf woke up at seven o'clock.

(ii) Mother Wolf's nose _____. **[school paper 2024: 2nd Unit Test, Set 2]**

Answer: Mother Wolf's nose was big and grey, and it lay dropped across her four tumbling, squealing cubs.

(iii) The Wolf family lived in a _____. **[school paper 2024: 2nd Unit Test, Set 2]**

Answer: The Wolf family lived in a cave in the Seeonee hills.

(iv) To get rid of the sleepy feeling, Father Wolf _____. **[school paper 2024: 2nd Unit Test, Set 2]**

Answer: To get rid of the sleepy feeling, Father Wolf scratched himself, yawned, and spread out his paws one after the other.

B. Write 'T' for true and 'F' for false statements: (i) Mother Wolf had two cubs. **[school paper 2024: 2nd Unit Test, Set 2]**

Answer: F. Mother Wolf had four tumbling, squealing cubs.

(ii) Father Wolf woke up from his rest in the morning. **[school paper 2024: 2nd Unit Test, Set 2]**

Answer: F. Father Wolf woke up at seven o′clock in the evening.

(iii) Mother Wolf had a big grey nose. **[school paper 2024: 2nd Unit Test, Set 2]**

Answer: T. Mother Wolf lay with her big grey nose dropped across her four cubs.

School paper 2025: 2nd Summative Evaluation, Set 2

Passage: ″Tabaqui sat still, rejoicing in the mischief that he had made, and then he said spitefully: ′Sher Khan, the Big One, has shifted his hunting grounds. He will hunt among these hills for the next moon, so he has told me.′ Sher Khan was the tiger who lived near the Waingunga River, twenty miles away. ′He has no right!′ Father Wolf began angrily. ′By the Law of the Jungle he has no right to change his quarters without due warning. He will frighten all game within ten miles, and I - I have to kill for two, these days?′ ′I go,′ said Tabaqui quietly. ′You can hear Sher Khan below in the thickets.′ Father Wolf listened, and below in the valley that ran down to the river he heard the dry, angry, snarly whine of a tiger.″

A. Tick the correct alternatives: (i) Who informed Father Wolf about Sher Khan′s change of hunting grounds? (a) Mowgli (b) Bagheera (c) Tabaqui (d) Akela. **[school paper 2025: 2nd Summative Evaluation, Set 2]**

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Answer: (c) Tabaqui. Tabaqui the jackal brought the news to the wolves′ den.

(ii) Where did Sher Khan originally live? (a) In the hills (b) Near the Waingunga River (c) In the jungle caves (d) On the plains. **[school paper 2025: 2nd Summative Evaluation, Set 2]**

Answer: (b) Near the Waingunga River, twenty miles away.

(iii) What emotion did Tabaqui feel after causing mischief? (a) Guilt (b) Sadness (c) Rejoicing (d) Fear. **[school paper 2025: 2nd Summative Evaluation, Set 2]**

Answer: (c) Rejoicing. Tabaqui sat still, rejoicing in the mischief that he had made.

B. Complete the following sentences with information from the text: (i) Sher Khan will hunt among the hills for the _____. **[school paper 2025: 2nd Summative Evaluation, Set 2]**

Answer: Sher Khan will hunt among the hills for the next moon.

(ii) Sher Khan lived near the _____ River, twenty miles away. **[school paper 2025: 2nd Summative Evaluation, Set 2]**

Answer: Sher Khan lived near the Waingunga River, twenty miles away.

(iii) Tabaqui sat still, rejoicing in the _____ he had made. **[school paper 2025: 2nd Summative Evaluation, Set 2]**

Answer: Tabaqui sat still, rejoicing in the mischief he had made.

C. Answer the following questions: (i) Why was Father Wolf angry upon hearing about Sher Khan's arrival? **[school paper 2025: 2nd Summative Evaluation, Set 2]**

Answer: Father Wolf was angry because, by the Law of the Jungle, Sher Khan had no right to change his hunting grounds without due warning. The tiger would frighten all the game within ten miles, and Father Wolf had to kill for two in those days.

(ii) How did Father Wolf confirm that Sher Khan was nearby? **[school paper 2025: 2nd Summative Evaluation, Set 2]**

Answer: Father Wolf listened, and below in the valley that ran down to the river he heard the dry, angry, snarly whine of a tiger.

School paper: Question Bank, Shambazar AV School

Passage: "It was seven o'clock of a very warm evening in the Seeonee hills. Father Wolf woke up from his day's rest. He scratched himself, yawned, and spread out his paws one after the other to get rid of the sleepy feeling in their tips. Mother Wolf lay with her big grey nose dropped across her four tumbling, squealing cubs. The moon shone into the mouth of the cave where they all lived. 'Augrrh!' said Father Wolf. 'It is time to hunt again.' He was going to spring down hill when a little shadow with a bushy tail crossed the threshold and whined. 'Good luck goes with you, O Chief of the wolves. And your noble children may never forget the hungry in the world.' It was the jackal, Tabaqui. The wolves of India despise Tabaqui because he runs about making mischief, and telling tales, and eating rags and pieces of leather from the village rubbish-heaps. But they are afraid of him too because Tabaqui, more than anyone else in the jungle, is apt to go mad. And then he runs through the forest biting everything in his way. Even the tiger runs and hides when Tabaqui goes mad. 'Enter, then, and look,' said Father Wolf stiffly, 'but there is no food here.' 'For a wolf, no,' said Tabaqui, 'but for so mean a person as myself a dry bone is a good feast. Who are we to pick and choose?'"

A. Answer the following questions: (i) Where did the moon shine? **[school paper: Question Bank, Shambazar AV School]**

Answer: The moon shone into the mouth of the cave where the wolf family lived.

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(ii) Who was the Chief of the wolves? **[school paper: Question Bank, Shambazar AV School]**

Answer: Father Wolf was the Chief of the wolves. Tabaqui greeted him as "O Chief of the wolves".

B. Write 'T' for true and 'F' for false: (i) The Father Wolf yawned to get rid of sleep. **[school paper: Question Bank, Shambazar AV School]**

Answer: T. Father Wolf yawned and spread out his paws to get rid of the sleepy feeling in their tips.

(ii) A tiger fears a jackal when the jackal goes mad. **[school paper: Question Bank, Shambazar AV School]**

Answer: T. Even the tiger runs and hides when Tabaqui goes mad.

(iii) For a jackal a dry bone is a good food. **[school paper: Question Bank, Shambazar AV School]**

Answer: T. Tabaqui said, "for so mean a person as myself a dry bone is a good feast."

(iv) Father Wolf had a big grey nose. **[school paper: Question Bank, Shambazar AV School]**

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Answer: F. It was Mother Wolf who had a big grey nose, which lay dropped across her four cubs.