

Understanding the text

- 1 What kind of animal is Bagheera?
- 2 Who did Bagheera attack?
- 3 Where was Mowgli?
- 4 Where did the monkeys push Mowgli?
- 5 Who made the monkeys scatter?

Looking at language

- 6 Explain the meaning of these words as they are used in the story. Use a dictionary to help you.

a terrace

b striking

c scuffling

d dome

e haste

f haunches

- 7 The writer uses lots of words to describe the way Bagheera and the monkeys fought. Find at least three of them in the story.

Exploring the story

- 8 How do you know that this part of the story takes place at night?
- 9 How do you think Mowgli felt when he heard 'Bagheera's light feet on the terrace'?
- 10 Why was Mowgli not a 'man-trained boy'?
- 11 Why do you think Bagheera fought his way to the tank?
- 12 Why do you think Kaa did not have to strike twice?
- 13 Who do you think is the hero of the story? Explain your reasons.