

MOWGLI LEARNS TO SWIM – A PLAYSRIPT

Part One

NARRATOR: Mowgli, Bagheera the panther and Baloo the bear are having a picnic near the river.

TIGER: GRRRRRRRR!

NARRATOR: The tiger is behind the tree!

NARRATOR: Bagheera and Baloo jump into the river.

NARRATOR: The water is cold!

BAGHEERA, BALOO: Jump in! Jump into the river, Mowgli!

MOWGLI: No! No! I can't swim! I can't swim!

BAGHEERA: Jump onto my back!' shouts Bagheera.

NARRATOR: Mowgli jumps onto Bagheera's back.

NARRATOR: Bagheera, Baloo and Mowgli swim across the river.

NARRATOR: Bagheera and Baloo are tired!

NARRATOR: They sit on a rock to rest.

BALOO: Who is he?

BAGHEERA: His name is Shere Khan the tiger.

Look at Shere Khan!

BALOO: He *must not* eat the picnic!

TIGER: Yum! Yum! I'm hungry!

Delicious ham sandwiches! Fantastic sausage rolls and orange juice... Yum!
Yum! Yum!

Part Two

NARRATOR: Mowgli, Bagheera and Baloo are very sad.

The picnic is in the tiger's tummy!

HATHI(elephant): What's the matter?

MOWGLI: Look at the greedy tiger!

My delicious picnic is in the tiger's tummy!

HATHI(elephant): Go back across the river!

Go back to the tiger and say: Naughty, naughty tiger! You must not eat the picnics any more!'

MOWGLI: No, I can't go back! I can't go back!

I can't swim!!!

JO (monkey): How old are you, Mowgli?

MOWGLI: I'm 8, I think... Yes, I am. I'm 8!

MANDY (mouse): You are a big boy, Mowgli. Boys of 8 can swim.

MOWGLI: I can't swim!

HATHI(elephant): I can teach you to swim!

JO (monkey): I can teach you to swim!

BAGHEERA: I can teach you to swim!

BALOO: I can teach you to swim!

MANDY (mouse): I can teach you to swim!

MOWGLI: Thank you! Thank you!

NARRATOR: Baloo, Bagheera, Jo and Mandy jump into the river!

BAGHEERA: Are you ready, Mowgli?

MANDY (mouse): Are you ready to jump into the river?

HATHI(elephant): One! Two! Three! Ready, steady GO!!!

NARRATOR: Splash! Mowgli jumps into the river!

Part Three

ALL ANIMALS: Good! Good boy, Mowgli!

JO (monkey): Move your legs up and down, up and down!

MANDY (mouse): Move your arms in and out, in and out!

BALOO: Close your mouth and open your eyes!

BAGHEERA: Move your arms and legs in and out and up and down!

MOWGLI: Help! Help! I can't swim!

HATHI(elephant): Climb onto my trunk.

NARRATOR: Mowgli is on Hathi's trunk!

ALL ANIMALS: Ha! Ha! Ha! How are you Mowgli?

MOWGLI: I'm fine! I think I can swim but not very well!

HATHI(elephant): Jump into the water. Jump into the water and swim!

MOWGLI: Yes! Look! I can jump into the water and I can swim!

MANDY, JO: Let's sing a song!

NARRATOR: Baloo sings with the other animals.

ALL ANIMALS: You can swim, you can swim!

Yes you can, yes you can!

Jump into the river, jump into the river!

Splash! Splash! Splash!

Splash! Splash! Splash!'

MOWGLI: Let's swim back to the naughty tiger!

The naughty tiger must not eat the picnics any more!

BALOO: Yes!

BAGHEERA: Let's go back!

ALL ANIMALS: Hooray! Hooray!

NARRATOR: They all clap and clap.

ALL ANIMALS CLAP

ALL ANIMALS: Very good Mowgli. You can swim now!!!

MOWGLI: Where is the tiger?

ALL ANIMALS: The naughty tiger is in the forest.

LION: Let's have a party!

GIRAFFE: We have a lovely picnic for you!