



The Call of the Wild

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While reading

Chapter 1

1 On the map on page 2, find these places.

Which are cities? Write the word "city" next to the name.

California:

San Francisco:

The Yukon:

Alaska:

Dawson:

2 Complete these sentences. The answers are all numbers.

- a In 1896 Buck was years old.
- b Buck was a heavy dog. He was pounds.
- c men took Buck from San Francisco to Seattle.
- d Buck had no water for days and nights.
- e Buck attacked the man in the red shirt times.
- f Perrault paid dollars for Buck.
- g Perrault and François took dogs to Alaska.

3 Use books or the Internet to learn more.

What is the weather like in California, the Yukon and Alaska? What countries are they in?

California

Country:

Weather:

the Yukon

Country:

Weather:

Alaska

Country:

Weather:

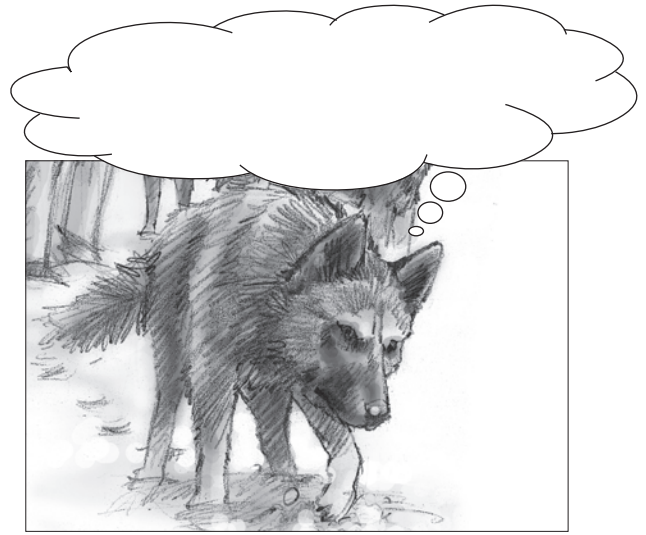
Chapter 2

4 What happened first? Write the numbers, 1–8.

- a François put a harness on Buck.
- b Buck found Billie under the snow.
- c Some dogs killed Curly.
- d Buck tried to sleep inside in the warm.
- e Buck took fish from the food box.
- f Buck took food from other dogs.
- g Buck pulled a sledge.
- h The nine dogs and two men started their trip.

5 Discuss with a friend and then complete.

Buck is now a different dog. What is he thinking? How does he feel?



The weather is very I don't like

Today, Curly. She I feel very

Chapter 3

6 Who did it? Choose the right words and complete the sentences.

Wild dogs Spitz Billie Dolly Buck
François Buck and Dave

- a took Buck's bed.
- b attacked the camp.
- c ran away.
- d went crazy.
- e fell into the icy water.
- f made boots for Buck.
- g broke Spitz's leg.

7 Complete the sentences.

- a The other dogs Spitz.
- b Buck was now

Chapter 4

8 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

Change the wrong sentences.

- a Buck was afraid of François when he had the club.
-
- b Buck was a better sledge dog than Spitz.
-
- c François was sad when he sold Buck.
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- d It was easier for the dogs when there was a lot of snow.
- e Sledge dogs did not like pulling sledges.
- f Dave didn't like working.
- g The Mail Company men left their camp without Dave.
- h The Scottish man killed Dave because he was a bad dog.

9 Read page 27 again and compare Spitz and Buck. Who is better? Write 3–4 sentences.

Bucks runs faster.

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4

Chapter 5

10 Who says these sentences to who and when? What are they talking about? Don't look at the book! Work with a friend. Your friend can look at the book and tell you if you are right or wrong. Take 3 sentences each.

- a "Now we'll have a long rest."
- b "You aren't pulling hard! I'll kill you."
- c "Break the ice under the sledge."
- d "Don't walk across this river to Dawson now."
- e "You hit that dog again and I'll kill you."
- f "We're going to Dawson and you can't stop us."

Chapters 6–7

11 Find the mistakes in this newspaper story. Change the wrong words.

Last night in a shop in Skaguay, a man showed his love for his dog. He pulled a sledge with three hundred and fifty kilos of gold on it and his boss, Mr. Thornton, lost \$1,000.

Mr. Matthewson put his big, beautiful dog, Buck, in his harness. Lots of people watched and they were very quiet. Mr. Matthewson said

something into Buck's ear very loudly. Then he walked to his dog and said something quietly again. The dog tried to pull the heavy bag.

The dog pulled hard. The sledge started to move quickly. Mr. Thornton watched from the bar. Slowly Buck and the sledge ran across one thousand meters of snow, and everybody went home.

12 Look up *headline* in your dictionary. Then think of a headline for the newspaper story above. Discuss your ideas with a friend.

13 Write why ...

- a Thornton and his friends leave Dawson for the East.
- b Buck starts to go for walks in the woods.
- c after he plays with the wolf, Buck goes back to Thornton.
- d Buck leaves the camp for more than five days.
- e Buck kills the Indians.

After reading

14 Work with a friend.

Student A: Find a picture in the book and talk about what is in the picture. Do not show the picture to your friend.

Student B: Do not look at the picture. Try to say what happens before and after the picture. Then look at the picture.

15 You are back after a trip to the Yukon. Give advice to other people who want to go, too. Write 8 sentences.

Take a lot of clothes.

Don't walk on thin ice.

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8



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Chapters 1–4

1 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

Change the wrong sentences.

- a People went to Alaska to find silver.
-
-
- b Buck walked on snow in San Francisco.
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-
- c In Alaska, dogs make warm beds under the snow.
-
-
- d Spitz liked Buck.
-
-
- e Dave died in a fight with Spitz.
-
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2 What happened first? Write the numbers, 1–10.

- a A lot of thin wild dogs attacked the camp.
- b Buck had a bad fight with Spitz and then he was the most important dog.
- c Perrault bought Buck and he and François took the dog to Alaska.
- d Dave, one of the dogs, got very ill.
- e Perrault and François left and a Scottish man bought the dogs to carry people's letters.
- f Buck travelled to Seattle for two days without food or water.
- g Buck lived in Mr. Miller's house in California.
- h Miguel worked for Mr. Miller and sold Buck to a man.
- i A man in a red shirt hit Buck with a club, so the dog learned a lesson.
- j Buck's feet were in pain and François made boots for him.

Chapters 5–7

3 Complete the sentences using the right number.

- a Charles, Hal and Mercedes ...
- b John Thornton ...
- c Mr. Matthewson ...
- d Buck ...
- e The Indians ...
- 1 can pull a very heavy sledge.
- 2 lost a thousand dollars.
- 3 attacked the camp.
- 4 fell into the icy water.
- 5 had bad feet.

4 What's the right answer? Circle a, b, or c.

- 1 Hal, Charles and Mercedes fell into the cold water because ...
 - a the ice was thin and broke.
 - b the dogs didn't pull hard.
 - c the sledge wasn't very heavy.
- 2 The Scottish man sold the dogs because ...
 - a he wanted money.
 - b the dogs were very tired.
 - c the dogs didn't like to work hard.
- 3 Thornton stayed in the camp because ...
 - a Hans and Pete didn't like him.
 - b he didn't want gold.
 - c he couldn't walk well.
- 4 Buck pulled the heavy sledge full of sugar because ...
 - a he was the most important dog.
 - b he loved Thornton.
 - c he didn't like Matthewson.
- 5 Buck killed the Indians because ...
 - a he was a wild dog.
 - b they killed his friends.
 - c they were dancing in the camp.