

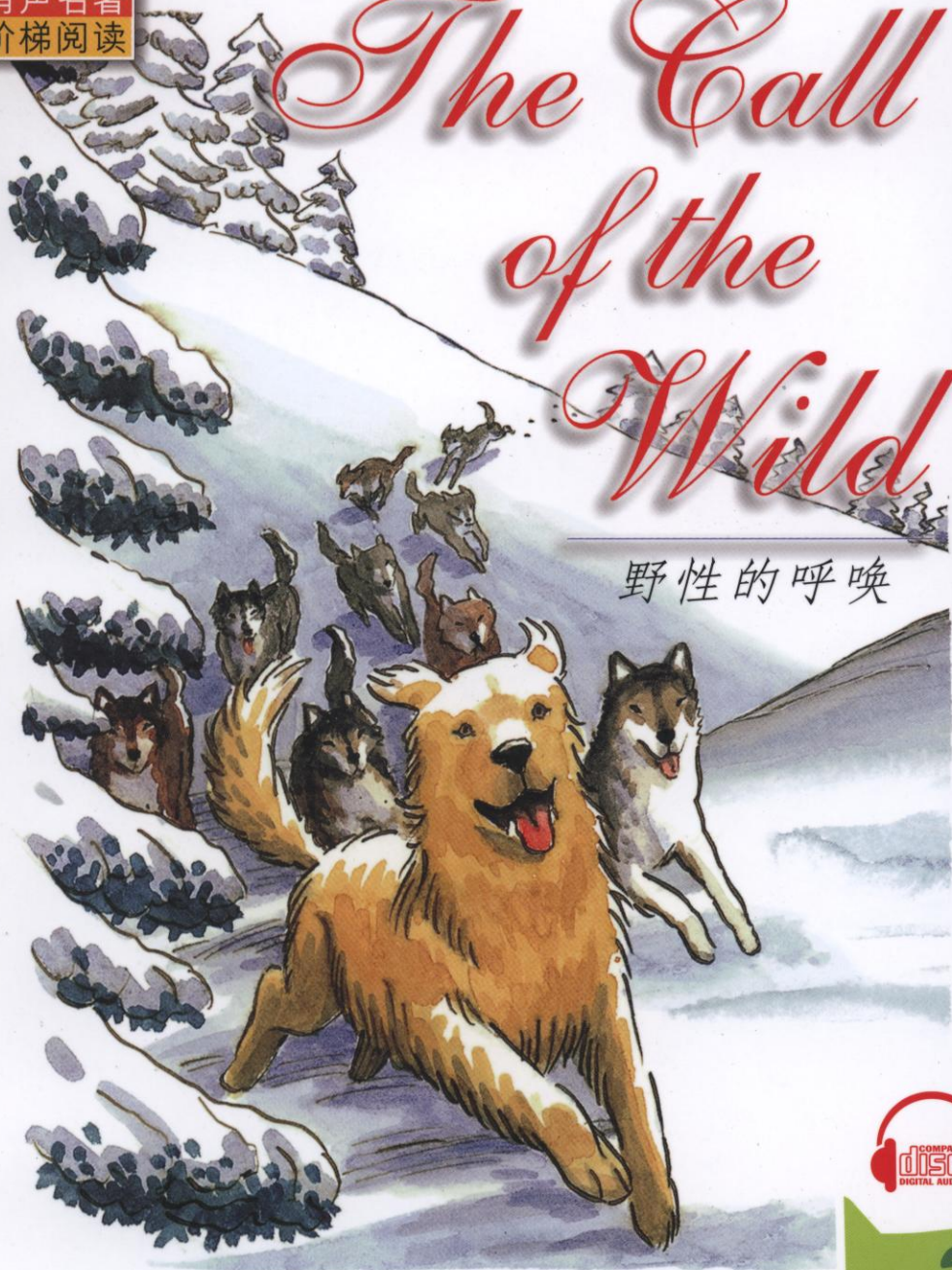


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首先，这是一套同时供听觉享受的书。一部作品，当它由专业演员朗读时，就能以其优美的声音、抑扬顿挫的语调、加上传神的表达，使读者和听者真正身临其境，最充分地领会作品中的情、境、思。而这一效果，就不是只有白纸黑字的书面材料所能提供的了。加之这套书图文并茂，更使视、听两种感官得以完美地结合。

其次，这套书为读、听者提供了有益的背景资料，包括作家生平、时代背景、人文知识等，有助于培养青少年的跨文化意识。书中许多传世名画，更给人充分的艺术享受。

再者，虽是读物，却兼具教科书的功能。每本书都编入为数不少的练习，涉及阅读理解、词汇辨析以及语法结构等，为课堂的语言教学提供了有效的补充。

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◆ 1 应该怎样选书？

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《Black Cat 有声名著阶梯阅读》精选世界经典作品，也包括富于创意的现代作品；既有脍炙人口的小说、戏剧，又有非小说类的文化知识读物，品种丰富，内容多样，适合口味不同的读者挑选自己感兴趣的书籍，享受阅读的乐趣。

按英语程度选书

《Black Cat 有声名著阶梯阅读》现设 Level 1 至 Level 6，由浅入深，涵盖初、中级英语程度。读物分级采用了国际上通用的划分标准，主要以词汇 (vocabulary) 和结构 (structures) 划分。

Level 1 至 Level 3 出现的词汇较浅显，相对深的核心词汇均配上中文解释，节省读者查找词典的时间，以专心理解正文内容。在注释的帮助下，读者若能流畅地阅读正文内容，就不用担心这一本书程度过深。

Level 1 至 Level 3 出现的动词时态形式和句子结构比较简单。动词时态形式以一般现在时 (present simple)、现在进行时 (present continuous)、一般过去时 (past simple) 为主，句子结构大部分是简单句 (simple sentences)。此外，还包括比较级和最高级 (comparative and superlative forms)、可数和不可数名词 (countable and uncountable nouns) 以及冠词 (articles) 等语法知识点。

Level 4 至 Level 6 出现的动词时态形式，以现在完成时 (present perfect)、现在完成进行时 (present perfect continuous)、过去完成进行时 (past perfect continuous) 为主，句子结构大部分是复合句 (compound sentences)、条件从句 (1st and 2nd conditional sentences) 等。此外，还包括情态动词 (modal verbs)、被动形式 (passive forms)、动名词 (gerunds)、短语动词 (phrasal verbs) 等语法知识点。

根据上述的语法范围，读者可按自己实际的英语水平，如词汇量、语法知识、理解能力、阅读能力等自主选择，不再受制于学校年级划分或学历高低的约束，完全根据个人需要选择合适的读物。

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阅读的方法主要有两种：一是泛读，二是精读。两者各有功能，适当地结合使用，相辅相成，有事半功倍之效。

泛读，指阅读大量适合自己程度（可稍浅，但不能过深），不同内容、风格、体裁的读物，但求明白内容大意，不用花费太多时间钻研细节，主要作用是多接触英语，减轻对它的生疏感，巩固以前所学过的英语，让脑子在潜意识中吸收词汇用法、语法结构等。

精读，指小心认真地阅读内容精彩、组织有条理、遣词造句又正确的作品，着重点在于理解“准确”及“深入”，欣赏其精彩独到之处。精读时，可充分利用书中精心设计的练习，学习掌握有用的英语词汇和语法知识。精读后，可再花十分钟朗读其中一小段有趣的文字，边念边细心领会文字的结构和意思。

《Black Cat 有声名著阶梯阅读》中的作品均值得精读，如时间有限，不妨尝试每两个星期泛读一本，辅以每星期挑选书中一章精彩的文字精读。要学好英语，持之以恒地泛读和精读英文是最有效的方法。

3 如何充分利用本系列 CD？

本系列每本书均配有 CD，提供作品朗读，朗读者都是专业演员，英国作品由英国演员录音，美国作品由美国演员录音，务求增加聆听的真实感和感染力。多聆听英式和美式英语两种发音，可让读者熟悉二者的差异，逐渐培养分辨英美发音的能力，提高聆听理解的准确度。

聆听与阅读的安排可随读者喜爱，先读后听，先听后读，边听边读或交替进行。读者亦可以本系列的 CD 为核心，着重提高听的能力，此时应选择

程度稍浅的品种。

若将 CD 随身携带，反复聆听、诵读，日积月累，对英语理解能力和表达能力的提高必有显著成效。

4 本系列的练习与测试有何功能？

《Black Cat 有声名著阶梯阅读》特别注重练习的设计，为读者考虑周到，切合实用需求，学习功能强。每章后均配有训练听、说、读、写四项技能的练习，分量、难度恰到好处。

听力练习分两类，一是重听故事回答问题，二是聆听主角对话、书信朗读或模拟记者访问后写出答案，旨在以生活化的练习形式逐步提高听力。

模仿录音朗读故事或模仿主人翁在戏剧中的对白，则是训练口语能力的好方法。

阅读理解练习形式多样化，有纵横字谜、配对、填空、字句重组等等，注重训练读者的理解、推敲和联想等多种阅读技能。

写作练习尤具新意，教读者使用网式图示（spidergrams）记录重点，采用问答、书信、电报、记者采访等多样化形式，鼓励读者动手写作。

书后更设有升级测试（Exit Test）及答案，供读者检查学习效果。

充分利用书中的练习和测试，可全面提升听、说、读、写四项技能。

5 本系列还能提供什么帮助？

《Black Cat 有声名著阶梯阅读》提倡丰富多元的现代阅读，巧用书中提供的资讯，有助于提升英语理解力，拓展视野。

每本书都设有专章介绍相关的历史文化知识，经典名著更有作者生平、社会背景等资讯。书内富有表现力的彩色插图、绘图和照片，使阅读充满趣味，部分加上如何解读古典名画的指导，增长见识。有些剧作包含舞台演出剧本，可供戏剧爱好者一显身手。有的书还提供一些与主题相关的网址，比如关于不同国家的节庆源流的网址，让读者多利用网上资源增进知识。



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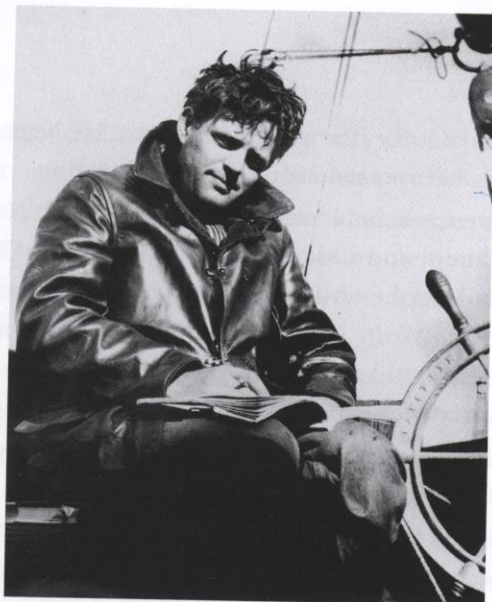
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Jack London.

A NOTE ON THE AUTHOR

Jack London was born in San Francisco, California, in 1876. He grew up in the poor part of Oakland, a city near San Francisco. As a child, books were his only companions¹. He always went to the Oakland Public Library and read as many books as possible! The librarian Ina Coolbirth became his great friend and teacher. Some of his favorite authors were Melville, Kipling and Balzac.

Jack London finished school at the age of fourteen. His family was poor and he could not go to high school. Jack went to work at Hickmott's Factory². He worked long hours and was paid very little money. He dreamed of adventure, travel and excitement. He wanted

1. companions : 伙伴。

2. factory : 工厂。

to see the world. Factory life was not for him. He began drinking as a teenager and this became a serious problem later on.

At the age of seventeen he decided to see the world. He became a sailor on a schooner¹ and sailed to the North Pacific Ocean to hunt² seals.³ Ten years later he wrote about his terrible experiences at sea in the book *The Sea Wolf*. After almost eight months at sea he returned home but could not find work. He decided to visit other parts of his country.

He began traveling across the United States and reached New York. Here he went to prison for thirty days for vagrancy⁴.

In 1894 he returned to his home in Oakland. He had no money and no work. At the age of nineteen Jack London decided to return to high school. He knew that a good education was the key to a better life. He wanted to learn as much as possible about everything! He went to high school in the day and worked at night and on weekends.

Jack wanted to improve himself and read a great number of books on all subjects. He made new friends and began speaking better English, listening to beautiful music and appreciating art. He also began writing his first stories and poems.

In 1896 gold⁵ was discovered in the Klondike Region in northwest Canada. Jack was excited about this news. He wanted new adventures, and he hoped to find gold and become rich.

He and some friends went to the Klondike. In Canada they built a small boat and traveled up the Yukon River. The Arctic weather and

1. schooner : (通常有双桅的) 纵帆船。



2. hunt : 猎杀。

4. vagrancy : 流浪。

3. seals : 海豹。



5. gold : 黄金。



the difficult living conditions made him very ill. He left the Klondike with no gold but with many ideas for his best stories.

The Call of the Wild (1903) tells us about the adventures of a great dog during the Klondike gold rush¹. It was immediately successful and became a classic. With this book Jack London became a major American writer with a very original style.

In 1906 he wrote another exciting dog story called *White Fang*.

In 1913 Jack London was a rich and famous writer. People all over the world read his books. Some of his other books are *Martin Eden*, *The Sea Wolf*, *Tales of the Fish Patrol*, and *The Son of the Wolf*.

Jack married twice and had two children. Unfortunately, he had big financial problems because he spent all of his money on his friends, on drinking and on his beautiful new home. During the last years of his life he had serious health problems. He died on November 22, 1916, after an intense and adventurous life.

1 Decide if each statement is correct or incorrect. If it is correct, tick (✓) A; if it is not correct (✓), tick (✓) B.

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| a. Jack London was the son of a librarian. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. As a child he did not like reading. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. When he was a teenager he became a sailor. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. Education was very important to Jack London. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e. He went to the Klondike and found gold. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f. Jack London was very rich when he died. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

1. gold rush : 淘金热。



The story takes place in the Yukon Territory in northwest Canada.

Gold was discovered in the Klondike region near the Yukon River in 1896

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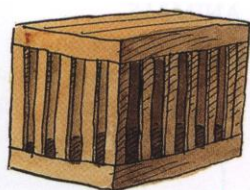
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鞭子



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挽具



growl

咆哮



fang

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BEFORE YOU READ

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ANIMALS

A A wild animal is an animal that does not have a home. It lives in its natural environment. Do you know the names of the wild animals in the box below?

WILD ANIMALS

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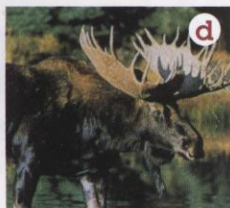
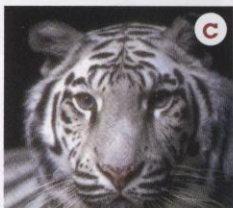
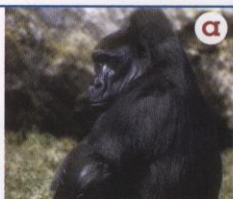
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c.

d.

e.

f.



B Do you know the names of any other wild animals?
Discuss with your friends and make a list.

2

LOOKING AT PICTURES

A Look at the picture on
page 15.

- Describe the dog.
- Where is he?
- Is he happy or sad?

B Now look at the picture on
page 18.

- Where is the dog?
- What are the men doing?
- What do two of the men have in their hands?
- Is the dog happy or sad?

CHAPTER ONE



The Southland



Buck did not read the newspapers. He did not know that there was trouble for every big, strong dog in California. Men found a yellow metal called gold in the Klondike. They needed big, strong dogs with furry coats¹ to work in the north.

Buck lived in a big house in the sunny Santa Clara Valley. The house was called Judge² Miller's Place. Around the house there were big gardens, fruit trees and horses.

Buck was born here and now he was four years old. There were other dogs too, but they were not important. Buck was the king! Judge Miller's Place was his. He swam and hunted³ with the

1. furry coats: (此处指) 长毛。

2. Judge: 法官。

3. hunted: 打猎。

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Judge's sons. He walked with the Judge's daughters. He carried the Judge's grandsons on his back and played with them. In the winter Buck sat at the Judge's feet in front of the fire.

Buck's father was a big St Bernard and his mother was a Scottish sheepdog.¹ Buck weighed one hundred and forty pounds² and he was a happy and handsome dog.

In the fall³ of 1897 men from all over the world went to the Klondike. They wanted to find gold. But Buck did not read the newspapers.

Manuel was the gardener's helper, and he needed money for his big family. One evening the Judge was out of the house and Manuel and Buck went for a walk. No one saw them leave and only one man saw them at the railway station. The man talked to Manuel and gave him some money. Then Manuel tied a rope around Buck's neck. Buck let Manuel put the rope around his neck because he was his friend. But when the other man pulled the rope Buck could not breathe. He was angry and he jumped at the man. The man caught him and suddenly Buck was on his back. His tongue⁴ was out of his mouth and he was unable to move. In the past no one ever did this to him.

The two men put him on the train in the baggage car.⁵ When Buck woke up the train was moving. He was angry. The man watched him but Buck was too quick. He bit⁶ the man's hand.

1. Scottish sheepdog :
苏格兰牧羊犬。



2. pounds : 磅 (1 磅等于 0.454 公斤)。
3. fall : 秋天。

4. tongue : 舌头。



5. baggage car : (火车的) 行李车厢。
6. bit : (bite-bit-bitten) 咬。

The Southland

That evening the man took Buck to the backroom of a saloon¹ in San Francisco. The saloon-keeper² looked at his hand.

"I only got fifty dollars for it," the man said.

"How much did the other man get?" the saloon-keeper asked.

"A hundred dollars."

"That makes a hundred and fifty. That's a good price for a dog like him. Come on, help me put him into the crate."

Buck tried to attack the two men, but they pulled the rope again and again. Buck suffered terribly. His neck, throat³ and tongue hurt a lot. The men took off the rope and threw him into a crate.

Buck spent the night in the backroom of the saloon. He was very angry. He could not understand why he was there. What did these strange men want? Why was he a prisoner in a crate? Where was the Judge?

The next morning four men took the crate to the railway station. They put it on a train that was going to the north. For two days and two nights Buck did not eat or drink. He was confused and angry. Men on the train laughed at him. He threw himself against the crate. He growled and barked at the men.

Buck was very thirsty but he had no water. His tongue and throat were very dry. His eyes were red and his anger grew.

He was glad for one thing: the rope was off his neck. He did not want another rope around his neck.

1. the backroom of a saloon : 酒馆的后房。

2. saloon-keeper : 酒馆经理。

3. throat : 咽喉。





UNDERSTANDING THE TEXT

1 Read the sentences below and for each question choose the correct answer A, B, C or D.

1. What did men find in the Klondike?

A ☐ Strong dogs.

B ☐ Gold.

C ☐ Horses.

D ☐ Newspapers.

2. Where did Buck sit with Judge Miller?

A ☐ Under the fruit trees.

B ☐ Near the stables.

C ☐ Outside the house.

D ☐ In front of the fire.

3. What did Buck do with the Judge's sons?

A ☐ He walked with them.

B ☐ He carried them on his back.

C ☐ He played with them.

D ☐ He swam and hunted with them.

4. What did Manuel do?

A ☐ He played with Buck in the garden.

B ☐ He put Buck inside a crate.

C ☐ He sold Buck to another man.

D ☐ He laughed at Buck.

5. Why did Buck bite the man's hand?

A ☐ He was hungry.

B ☐ He was playing.

C ☐ He was angry.

D ☐ He was thirsty.

6. How did Buck feel on the train?

A ☐ Hungry but happy.

B ☐ Thirsty, confused and angry.

C ☐ Cold and sleepy.

D ☐ Hot and excited.

GRAMMAR CHECK

A Circle the correct Past Simple form for each irregular verb.

e.g.	<i>to take</i>	<i>taked</i>	<i>taken</i>	<i>took</i>
a.	<i>to find</i>	<i>finded</i>	<i>found</i>	<i>founded</i>
b.	<i>to swim</i>	<i>swam</i>	<i>swimmed</i>	<i>swem</i>
c.	<i>to get</i>	<i>getted</i>	<i>gotted</i>	<i>got</i>
d.	<i>to catch</i>	<i>caught</i>	<i>catched</i>	<i>cought</i>
e.	<i>to wake up</i>	<i>woked up</i>	<i>woke up</i>	<i>waked up</i>
f.	<i>to bite</i>	<i>bote</i>	<i>bited</i>	<i>bit</i>
g.	<i>to hurt</i>	<i>hurted</i>	<i>hurt</i>	<i>hurten</i>
h.	<i>to throw</i>	<i>throwed</i>	<i>threw</i>	<i>threwn</i>
i.	<i>to sit</i>	<i>sat</i>	<i>sited</i>	<i>sitted</i>
j.	<i>to spend</i>	<i>spended</i>	<i>spent</i>	<i>spented</i>

B Now choose five of the verbs and write a sentence with each verb about what you did last week.

e.g. *Last week I took the bus to school.*

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.
- e.

3 WRITING

WHAT DO YOU REMEMBER ABOUT BUCK?

Go back to the text and find out the information you need to fill in Buck's ID card!

Name: _____

Age: _____

Weight: _____

Place of birth: _____

Address: _____

Mother: _____

Father: _____

Favorite sports: _____



Signature



4 DISCUSSION

Now ask your friend if he/she has any pets. Use the ID card to ask questions.

e.g. What's his/her name?

5 DID YOU KNOW?

Cats meow, horses neigh, birds chirp and cows moo. Now listen to these three sounds that dogs make and write the number next to the correct sound.

a. howl

b. bark

c. growl

BEFORE YOU READ



1

LISTENING

Listen to the first part of Chapter Two and for each question choose the correct answer A, B or C.

1. Four men carried the crate to

A ☐ a saloon.

B ☐ a garden.

C ☐ a train.

2. The fat man wore a

A ☐ red hat.

B ☐ red jacket.

C ☐ red sweater.

3. Who opened the crate?

A ☐ The man with the hatchet.

B ☐ Buck.

C ☐ The four men.

4. The fat man hit Buck with

A ☐ a whip.

B ☐ a crate.

C ☐ a club.

5. The fat man brought Buck

A ☐ water and bread.

B ☐ meat and milk.

C ☐ water and meat.

CHAPTER TWO



The Northland

In Seattle four men carried the crate to a garden with a high wall. A fat man with a red sweater looked at him. Buck threw himself against the crate. He growled and barked. The man brought a hatchet¹ and a club.

"Are you going to take him out now?" asked one of the men.

"Sure," the man said. He hit the crate with a hatchet to open it.

The four men ran away. They went to sit on the high wall to watch the show.

Buck threw himself against the wood of the crate. He bit it and growled. He wanted to get out. The man with the hatchet opened the crate. Then he put down the hatchet and took the club.

1. hatchet: 短柄小斧。



The Call of the Wild



Buck was really a red-eyed devil.¹ His hair stood up and his eyes were red with anger. He jumped straight at the man and his mouth was ready to bite. At that moment the man hit him with the club. He fell to the ground on his back.

This was the first time he was hit with a club. He did not understand. He jumped at the man again. And again the man hit him with the club. He fell to the ground again. This time Buck knew that it was the club. But his anger was so great that he did not stop. He jumped at the man a dozen times. And a dozen times the club hit him. There was blood² on his nose, mouth and ears. Then the man hit him very hard on the nose. The pain³ was terrible. It was agony. Buck jumped at the man again and the man threw him to the ground. Buck did not move for some time.

"He knows how to teach a dog a lesson,"⁴ said one of the four men. Then they returned to the train station. Buck slowly opened his eyes. He could not move. He watched the man in the red sweater.

The fat man was reading the saloon-keeper's letter and said, "Your name is Buck. Well, Buck," he said in a friendly voice, "now you know your place. Be a good dog and we will be friends. Be a bad dog and I must use my club again. Understand?"

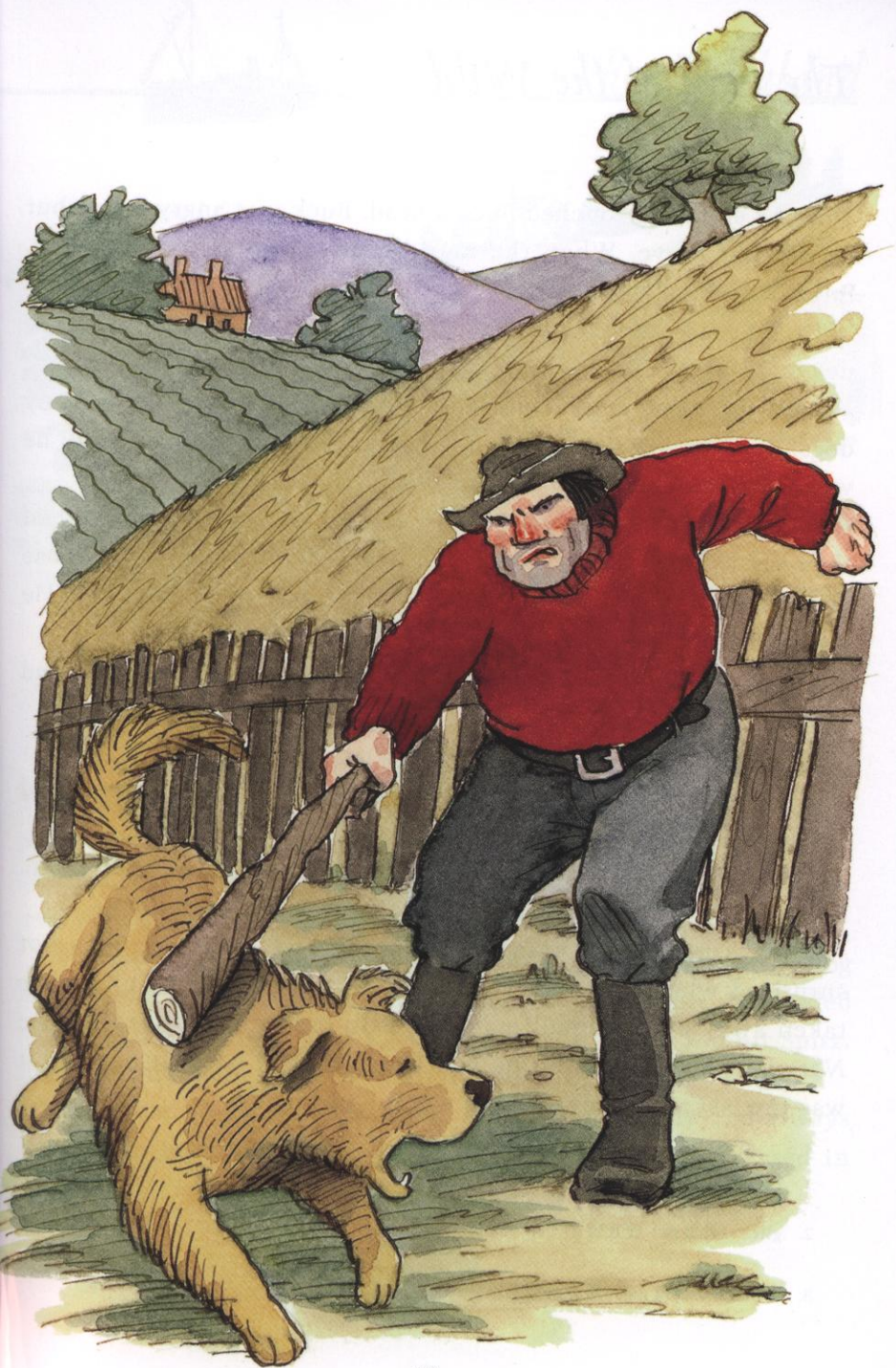
1. red-eyed devil : (此处指) 十分愤怒。

2. blood : 血。



3. pain : 痛。

4. teach a dog a lesson : (此处指) 教一只狗服从。



The Call of the Wild



As he spoke he touched Buck's head. Buck was angry inside but he did not move. When the man brought him water and meat, Buck drank and ate.

He learned that a man with a club was stronger than him. He never forgot it. Life was now fiercer.¹

Each day other dogs came. The man in the red sweater hit many dogs. Buck understood that a dog must obey a man with a club: he was a master. One dog did not obey and he was killed.

Men often came to talk to the man in the red sweater. When they paid money the men took one or more of the dogs. Those dogs never came back. "Where did they go?" Buck thought. He was afraid of the future.

One day a short man came to look at Buck. The man spoke bad English.

"That's a strong dog! How much?"

"Three hundred dollars," said the man in the red sweater. "And it's a gift² at that price."

Perrault smiled. The price of dogs was high at that time. Perrault knew dogs and he knew Buck was an excellent dog.

Buck saw money pass between the two men. He was not surprised when he and a Newfoundland dog³ called Curly were taken away by the small man. He took them to a ship called the *Narwhal*. From the ship he and Curly looked back at Seattle. It was the last time they saw the warm Southland.

1. fiercer: 更残酷, 更困难。

2. gift: (此处指) 便宜货。

3. Newfoundland dog: 纽芬兰狗。



The Northland



Perrault took Buck and Curly to François. Perrault was a French-Canadian, but François was half-Indian and had very dark skin. Buck did not like these men but he respected them. He learned that Perrault and François were calm and fair.¹ They knew everything about dogs.

There were two other dogs on the ship. One was a big white dog called Spitz. He seemed friendly but he was not honest. He smiled when he tried to take Buck's food. François was fast and hit Spitz. From this moment Buck began to like him.

The other dog was called Dave. He was unfriendly and always wanted to be alone. Dave ate and slept and was interested in nothing.

1. fair : 公平的。

The Call of the Wild



Day and night the ship sailed. Every day was the same, but Buck noticed that the weather was colder.

Finally one morning the *Narwhal's* engines¹ stopped. Buck and the other dogs were excited. Something was happening. François leashed² the dogs and took them outside. At the first step Buck's feet went down into something white and soft. He jumped back. More of this white stuff³ was falling from the sky and fell on Buck. He shook himself⁴ but more fell on him. He smelled it curiously, then tasted some on his tongue. It was like fire and the next moment it disappeared. This confused him. He tried it again with the same result.

People looked at him and laughed. It was his first snow.



1. engines : 引擎。

2. leashed : 用皮带系住。



3. stuff : (此处指) 雪。

4. shook himself : (shake-shook-shaken) 抖动身体。

UNDERSTANDING THE TEXT

- 1 Decide if each statement is correct or incorrect. If it is correct, tick (✓) A; if it is not correct, tick (✓) B.

	A	B
a. The fat man wrote a letter to the saloon-keeper.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The fat man with the red sweater sold dogs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Perrault paid three hundred dollars for Buck.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Spitz was an honest dog.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Curly tried to take Buck's food.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Buck and Curly traveled on a ship called the <i>Narwhal</i> .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Buck noticed that day after day the weather was warmer.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Buck saw snow for the first time in the Northland.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2 GRAMMAR CHECK

All of the verbs in the box below appear in Chapter Two in their Past Simple form. Do you know the Past Simple of these verbs? If not, look at the text and find them.

Then fill in the gaps in the paragraph below using the Past Simple. Use each verb only once.

understand throw hit jump
growl open forget be

Buck was very angry. He ¹ himself against the crate and ² When the man ³ the crate Buck ⁴ at him and the man ⁵ him with the club. Buck ⁶ that a man with a club ⁷ a master. He never ⁸ this.



ODD ONE OUT

A Circle the word that doesn't belong to the group and say why.

e.g. trousers jacket club sweater shirt

trousers, jacket, sweater and shirt are all pieces of clothing.

a. leash ship train bus car

.....

b. French American Canadian California Italian

.....

c. nose snow mouth ears eyes

.....

d. daughter grandson son grandfather gardener

.....

e. water milk blood orange juice tea

.....

B Now write a sentence with each odd word.

e.g. *The man hit Buck with the club.*

a.

b.

c.

d.

e.

BEFORE YOU READ

1 DISCUSSION

A law is a rule that tells you what you can and can't do.

- A What rules are there in your school and what laws are there in your country? Make a list with your friends.

School	Country
e.g. <i>You must not fight.</i>	e.g. <i>You must pay taxes.</i>

- B Circle the words in the box that describe the rules in Buck's life now.

games

fighting

friendship

hate

violence

anger

work

love

- C Now look at the title of Chapter Three "The Law of Club and Fang". What do you think the title means?



club



fang



The Law of Club and Fang



Buck's first day at Dyea Beach was terrible. What a change from his comfortable, happy life with the Judge in the sunny Southland! Here there was no peace or rest. There was only confusion and noise. There was danger everywhere because these dogs and men were not city dogs and men. They only knew the law of club and fang.

Buck never saw dogs like these. They fought like wolves. He learned this by watching Curly. She wanted to make friends with a husky.¹ The husky jumped on Curly and he tore² her face from eye to mouth.

1. husky : 爱斯基摩犬。



2. tore : (tear-tore-torn) (此处指) 撕开。

The Law of Club and Fang

Wolves and huskies fight like this. They attack and then jump away. But this fight was not finished. Thirty or forty huskies came and made a circle around the fight. Curly attacked her enemy but the husky bit her again. She fell to the ground and never stood up again. The other huskies moved in and suddenly she was under them.

Buck saw Spitz run away with his red tongue out of his mouth. He was laughing. Curly was dead in the snow. Her body was almost in pieces. Buck often saw this scene in his dreams. He understood that when a dog was injured, that was the end. Spitz laughed again and from that moment Buck hated him.

Soon Buck had another surprise. François put a harness¹ on him. Buck remembered the harnesses on horses at home. So now he must work like a horse. He must pull the sled to the forest to get firewood. He was offended, but he decided to work and do his best. He worked with Spitz and Dave, and learned a lot from them. He learned to stop when François said "ho", and to go when he said "mush".

"Those three are very good dogs," François told Perrault. "Buck pulls well and learns quickly."

That afternoon Perrault bought two huskies called Billee and Joe. They were brothers. Billee was very friendly but Joe was the opposite. In the evening Perrault bought another dog called Sol-leks. He was an old husky with only one eye. He made no friends and wanted to be alone.

That night Buck had another problem. Where could he sleep? François and Perrault were in their tent. When Buck tried to enter

1. harness: 马具。

The Call of the Wild



they shouted angrily at him. It was terribly cold and windy outside.

He tried to sleep in the snow. But it was too cold. Buck walked sadly around the tent. He looked for the other dogs but he could not find them. Where were they? Buck was very cold and unhappy. He did not know what to do.

Suddenly he fell into a hole.¹ He felt something move and then heard a friendly bark. Under the snow, in the warm hole he saw Billee. Billee licked Buck's face with his warm, wet tongue.

Another lesson. So that was how the dogs slept. Buck chose a

1. hole: 洞。



The Law of Club and Fang

place and made a hole. In a minute he was warm and asleep. He slept well but had bad dreams.

The noises of the camp woke him up the next morning.

"What did I say," François shouted to Perrault. "That Buck learns quickly."

Perrault smiled. He was a courier¹ for the Canadian Government. He transported important documents and he needed the best dogs. He bought three dogs that morning. Now there were nine dogs in a harness and they were going up the Dyea Canyon.

1. courier : 信差。



The Call of the Wild



The work was hard ¹ but Buck liked it. He was surprised that Dave and Sol-leks were not bored now. Pulling in a harness was their job and they were happy. All the dogs were alert ² and active.

Billee was the sled dog. He was nearest to the sled. Dave was in front of him. Then there was Buck. In front of them were the other dogs. Spitz was the leader in front. Dave and Sol-leks were Buck's teachers. When Buck pulled the wrong way Dave always bit his leg lightly. ³ Buck learned quickly.

It was a hard journey up the canyon, through Sheep Camp and into the mountains. That night they camped at Lake Bennett. Thousands of gold miners were there. Buck made his hole in the snow and slept well.

Very early the next morning Buck and his team started pulling the sled again. That day they traveled forty miles on a good trail. But the next day there was no trail. The dogs worked harder and they traveled slowly.

Perrault usually went in front of the dogs. With his snowshoes ⁴ he made the snow flat. François guided the sled from behind. Perrault was in a hurry. He knew all about ice and this was very important. In the fall the ice was very thin.

Day after day Buck worked hard and pulled the sled. The dogs started before it was light and stopped in the evening after dark. They ate a piece of fish and went to sleep. Buck was always hungry. Everyday he ate a pound and a half of fish. But it was

1. hard : 劳累的。

2. alert : 警觉性高。

3. lightly : 轻轻地。

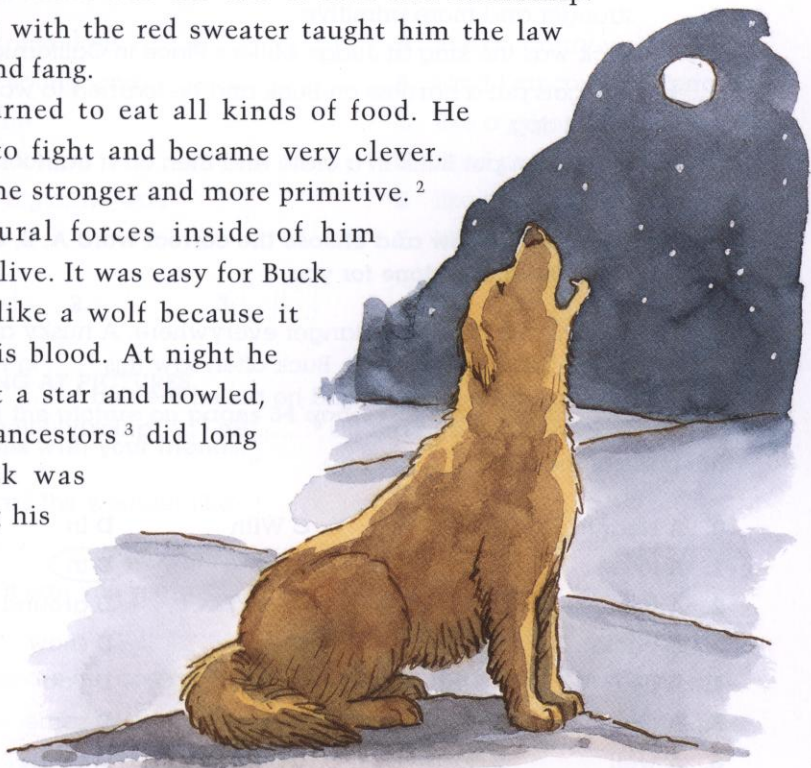
4. snowshoes : 雪鞋。

The Law of Club and Fang

never enough. One day he saw another dog called Pike steal¹ meat from Perrault. Buck did the same the next day and no one saw him.

Buck was learning to live in the hostile Northland. In the Southland he never stole but he was never hungry. In the Southland there was the law of love and friendship. The man with the red sweater taught him the law of club and fang.

He learned to eat all kinds of food. He learned to fight and became very clever. He became stronger and more primitive.² The natural forces inside of him became alive. It was easy for Buck to fight like a wolf because it was in his blood. At night he looked at a star and howled, like his ancestors³ did long ago. Buck was following his instinct.



1. steal : 偷。

2. primitive : 原始的。

3. ancestors : 祖先。

UNDERSTANDING THE TEXT

1 What happened up to now? Look at the events below and put them in the correct order using the numbers 1 to 8. The first is done for you.

- a. A fat man with a red sweater hit Buck with a club many times.
- b. One day Manuel sold Buck to another man.
- c. At night Buck did not know where to sleep but Billee helped him.
- d. The *Narwhal* took Buck and other dogs to the cold Northland.
- e. After some time Buck's natural instinct grew, and he became stronger and more primitive.
- ...1... f. Buck was the king at Judge Miller's Place in California.
- g. François put a harness on Buck and he learned to work like a sled dog.
- h. Some men put Buck in a crate and then on a train for Seattle.

2 Read the passage below and choose the correct word A, B, C or D for each space. The first is done for you.

⁰ D the Northland there was danger everywhere. A husky attacked Curly and she fell ¹ the ² Buck often saw this ³ in his dreams. François put a harness on ⁴ and he pulled the sled ⁵ a horse. Buck worked and did his ⁶ He ⁷ quickly. Every morning the noise of the camp ⁸ him up.

- | | | | |
|-------------|-----------|------------|----------|
| 0. A Near | B By | C With | D In |
| 1. A to | B at | C by | D in |
| 2. A floor | B earth | C land | D ground |
| 3. A photo | B story | C scene | D show |
| 4. A he | B him | C it | D you |
| 5. A like | B how | C liked | D same |
| 6. A well | B good | C best | D better |
| 7. A learns | B learned | C learning | D learn |
| 8. A wakes | B wake | C woken | D woke |

3

GRAMMAR CHECK

Look at these sentences from Chapter Three:

The work was hard but Buck **liked** it. In this sentence "like" is a verb.

So now he must work **like** a horse.

It was easy for Buck to fight **like** a wolf.

In these sentences "like" is a preposition. It says that two things are similar.

Match the following sentences and say if "like" is a preposition (p) or a verb (v).

- | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. The nine dogs | A like an angry wolf. |
| 2. The young woman swam | B liked François and Perrault. |
| 3. Did he | C like a prison for Buck. |
| 4. Spitz fought | D liked pulling the sled. |
| 5. The big crate was | E like the fish or the meat? |
| 6. Buck | F like a champion. |

1. ☐ ☐ ☐ 2. ☐ ☐ ☐ 3. ☐ ☐ ☐ 4. ☐ ☐ ☐ 5. ☐ ☐ ☐ 6. ☐ ☐ ☐

4

LOOKING AT PICTURES

Look at the picture on pages 34 and 35 and discuss the following questions with your friends.

- What's the weather like?
.....
- What can you see?
.....
- What are the dogs doing in the holes in the snow?
.....
- Where do the men sleep?
.....
- What are the men doing?
.....

f. What are they wearing?

g. Do you wear similar clothes in cold weather?

h. What do you wear in hot weather?

5

WORD SQUARE

A Find the names of the eight dogs and the two men in Chapter Three and circle them. Then match each of the names to the descriptions below.



B a. Buck hated him.

b. He licked Buck's face.

c. He guided the sled.

d. He was Billee's brother.

e. She was attacked and killed by a husky.

f. He was old and had only one eye.

g. He stole meat from Perrault.

h. He was a government courier.

i. He bit Buck's leg lightly.

j. He was born in California.

Sol-leks

THE KLONDIKE GOLD RUSH

In August 1896 George Carmack and his Indian friends saw something yellow and shiny in a river in the Klondike Region in northwest Canada. It was gold! George and his friends were very happy and excited. They worked all day and found lots of gold. They called the place Bonanza Creek.

After a few days George and his friends traveled down the Yukon Valley to the police station in Fort Cudahy. They told the police of their discovery. Then they went to the saloon to drink and celebrate. They told everyone about the gold at Bonanza Creek. But not many people believed them.

In the spring of 1897 some men went to look for gold in the Klondike and they found lots of it.

Newspapers all over the world began writing about the discovery of gold in the Klondike. In July 1897 a ship full of gold miners arrived in San Francisco Bay. They were returning from the Klondike and they all had big bags full of gold. The Gold Rush was starting!

Over one hundred thousand people traveled to the Klondike to look for gold. They came from all parts of the world, but many of them were not miners. They knew nothing about the Arctic weather, the difficult living conditions and the transportation problems.

To reach the Klondike these people took a ship to Skagway or Dyea (see map on page 12). From there they crossed¹ the Chilkoot Pass. The



1. crossed : 越过。

Chilkoot Pass was very steep¹ and extremely dangerous. Most miners carried their supplies on their backs. A few had dogs and sleds.

After they crossed the Chilkoot Pass the miners built small boats to cross the mountain lakes and rivers. Many miners died before reaching the Klondike. Others died during the long, harsh² winter. Only about 4,000 miners found gold but not all of them became rich!

Dawson City grew very quickly during the gold rush. There were hotels, banks, shops, saloons and the Palace Grand Theater. The miners went to Dawson to buy supplies,³ to go to the bank and to

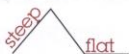


Crossing the Chilkoot Pass.

1. steep : 陡峭的。

2. harsh : 严酷的。

3. supplies : 供应品。

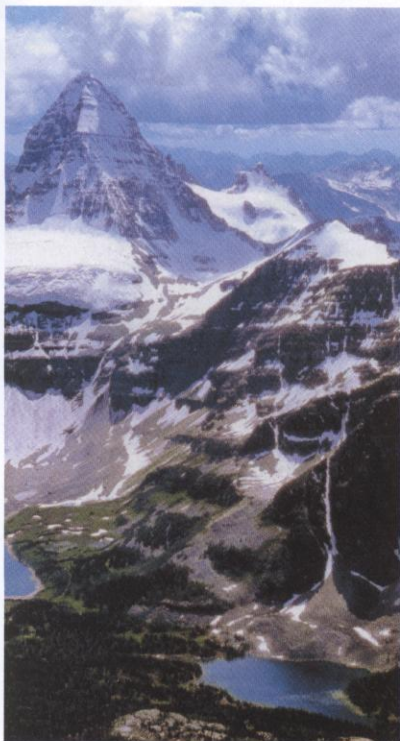


drink at the saloons. After a day or two at Dawson they returned to the rivers and forests to look for gold. The gold rush lasted until about 1910. But some people still look for gold in the Klondike!

Today you can visit the Dawson City Museum and see interesting exhibits¹ about the gold rush. You can also visit the Palace Grand Theater and watch the Gaslight Follies Show. At the MacBride Museum in Whitehorse you can see the world's biggest collection of Yukon gold.



1. exhibits : 展览。



Mountains and lakes in the Yukon Territory.

1

Decide if each statement is correct or incorrect. If it is correct, tick (✓) A; if it is not correct, tick (✓) B.

- | | A | B |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| a. George Carmack and his friends discovered gold at a place called Bonanza Creek. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. The police at Fort Cudahy put Carmack in prison for a few days. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. Newspapers all over the world wrote about the discovery of gold in northwest Canada. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. Only American miners went to look for gold. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e. The miners took a train from Skagway or Dyea to Dawson City. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f. Many miners became rich in a year. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| g. The Arctic weather and difficult living conditions killed many miners. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

PROJECT ON THE WEB

Let's find out more information about the Klondike Gold Rush, the Klondike Gold Rush Ghosts and the beautiful Klondike region.

Work in groups and plan a trip to the Klondike Region for the month of August. Make a list of the places you want to visit and assemble the information in a booklet.

Use one of the following search engines:

<http://www.yahoo.com>

<http://www.searchalot.com>

<http://www.altavista.com>

Type in KLONDIKE GOLD RUSH.

HAVE A GOOD TRIP!

CHAPTER FOUR



The Attack

The primitive spirit of his ancestors was strong in Buck. And under the harsh conditions of his new life this spirit grew. He hated Spitz more and more, but he did not want to start a fight. Buck was careful, he did nothing without thinking.

Spitz always showed his teeth to Buck. He wanted to start a fight. Buck knew that a fight meant the death of one or the other.

The Call of the Wild



One night the fight almost happened. They stopped at Lake Laberge. It was snowing heavily and the wind was strong and cold. Perrault and François made a fire on the ice.

Buck made a hole in the snow. It was warm and comfortable. He did not want to leave it to get his piece of fish. When Buck finished eating the fish he went back to his hole and found Spitz in it.

Buck did not want to fight with Spitz but this was too much. He jumped on Spitz with great anger. Spitz was very surprised. He knew Buck was big, but he did not know he was so wild. François was surprised too.

"A-a-ah!" he cried to Buck. "Give it to him! ¹ Give it to him!"

Both dogs wanted to fight. They circled each other and waited for a chance to jump in.

Suddenly Perrault shouted and they saw about a hundred thin, hungry dogs. They came from an Indian village and they were looking for food. Perrault and François hit them with their clubs but the hungry dogs showed their teeth and attacked. One dog found the food box and in a moment twenty dogs ate the bread and the meat. The smell of food made them crazy.

The dogs looked like skeletons ² with wild eyes and sharp ³ fangs. Three of them attacked Buck and bit his head and shoulders. Dave and Sol-leks fought courageously side by side. Joe attacked the dogs too.

Buck bit a dog in the neck and tasted ⁴ its blood. The taste of

1. Give it to him : (此处指) 袭击他。

3. sharp : 尖利的。



2. skeleton : 骷髅。



4. tasted : (此处指) 饮。

The Attack

blood made him fiercer.¹ He jumped on another dog and then felt teeth in his own neck. Spitz was attacking him from the side.

Perrault and François came with clubs to help their dogs. The hungry dogs ran away, but only for a moment. When the two men ran back to save their food, the dogs attacked again. The terrible fight continued.

Later the nine team-dogs ran away and hid in the forest. They passed the night there. Each dog was hurt in four or five places and Joe lost his eye.

Early the next morning they slowly walked back to camp. Perrault and François were angry. Half of their food was gone and one dog ate Perrault's shoe.

François looked at the poor dogs and said, "Ah, my friends, perhaps those bites will make you crazy dogs. What do you think, Perrault?"

Perrault said nothing. There were four hundred miles between him and Dawson. He hoped his dogs were not crazy!

After two hours of hard work the team started traveling. The next part of the trail was the most difficult.

The Thirty Mile² River was not frozen³ because the water moved too quickly. It took six days to travel those terrible thirty miles. They were terrible because every step was dangerous for the dogs and the men.

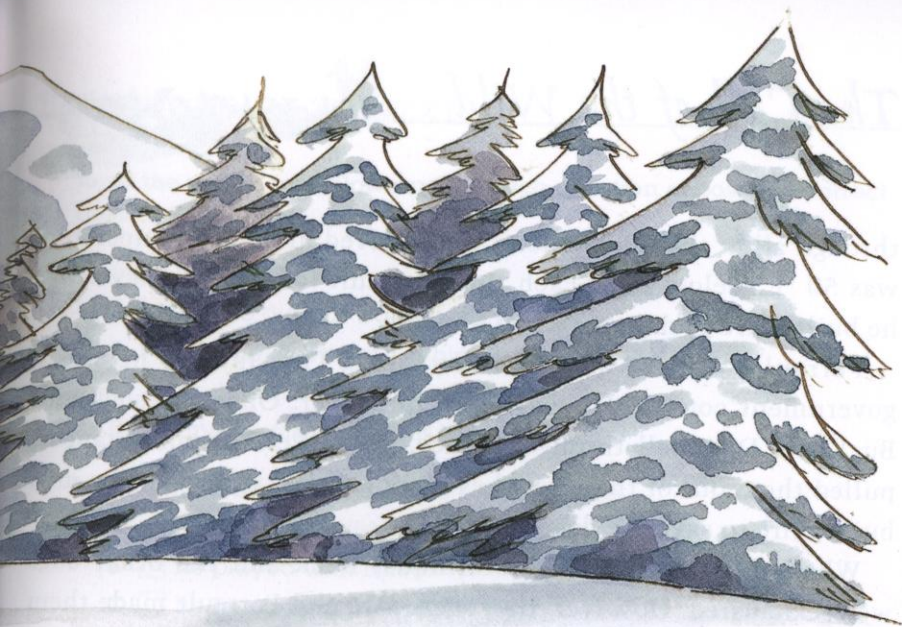
They found twelve ice bridges across the river. And Perrault fell

1. fiercer : 更凶猛。

2. mile : 英里 (1 英里 = 1.609 公里)。

3. frozen : 结冰。





The Call of the Wild



through all of them! ¹ His long stick ² saved him. The temperature was 50 °F ³ below zero. Each time Perrault fell into the icy water he built a fire to dry and warm himself.

Perrault was not afraid of anything. This is why he was a government courier. He was often in danger. Once the sled with Buck and Dave fell through the ice. When Perrault and François pulled them out of the river they were covered with ice. The men built a fire to save the dogs.

When they arrived in Hootalinqua, Buck and the other dogs were exhausted. However, they were late and Perrault made them run faster. In three days they traveled one hundred and ten miles and reached a place called Five Fingers.

Buck's feet were not as hard as the feet of the huskies. His feet were still soft because of his comfortable life with the Judge. His feet hurt a lot all day. That night at the camp he lay down ⁴ like a dead dog. He was hungry but he could not walk to get his fish. So François brought it to him. Every evening after dinner François massaged Buck's feet for half an hour. He made four little shoes for Buck. Now Buck was more comfortable. One morning François forgot the shoes and Buck lay on his back with his feet in the air. He did not want to move without his shoes. Later his feet grew hard and the shoes were not necessary.

1. fell through all of them : 每次掉进河里。

2. stick : 棒。



3. 50 °F : 华氏 50 度。

4. lay down : 躺下休息。

UNDERSTANDING THE TEXT

1 Read the sentences below and for each question choose the correct answer A, B, C or D.

1. Buck hated Spitz,
A ☐ but he did not want to start a fight.
B ☐ and he was afraid of him.
C ☐ and he took his food.
D ☐ and he always bit his leg.
2. One night after Buck finished eating his fish,
A ☐ he took Spitz's fish.
B ☐ he played with Billee.
C ☐ he found Spitz in his hole.
D ☐ he sat near the fire.
3. About a hundred dogs attacked the camp
A ☐ because they wanted to fight.
B ☐ because they were very hungry.
C ☐ but François and Perrault killed them.
D ☐ but the Indians stopped them.
4. After the attack the team-dogs
A ☐ ate their fish.
B ☐ went to sleep in the snow.
C ☐ hid in the mountains.
D ☐ hid in the forest.
5. How long did it take to travel thirty miles?
A ☐ Sixteen days.
B ☐ Six days.
C ☐ A week.
D ☐ Six weeks.

6. How many times did Perrault fall into the icy water?

- A ☐ Twice.
- B ☐ Ten times.
- C ☐ Six times.
- D ☐ Twelve times.

7. Buck's feet hurt a lot

- A ☐ and he could not pull the sled.
- B ☐ and he cried.
- C ☐ because they were soft.
- D ☐ because Spitz bit them.

8. Perrault made the dogs run faster

- A ☐ because they were late.
- B ☐ because they were too slow.
- C ☐ and Buck fell through the ice.
- D ☐ and François was angry.

2

Write a suitable question for the following answers.

a. What's

It snows a lot and it's very cold.

b. When

They arrived at Five Fingers on Monday.

c. What

Buck made a hole in the snow.

d. Why

Because they needed to save the dogs.

e. How many

Buck had four little shoes.

f. Where

The men and the dogs stopped at Lake Laberge.

3

GRAMMAR CHECK

A Look at the adjectives in the box below.

Match an adjective in column A to its opposite in column B.

A		B
angry	•	• energetic
warm	•	• calm
comfortable	•	• cold
dangerous	•	• full
exhausted	•	• fat
harsh	•	• civilized
hungry	•	• mild
primitive	•	• uncomfortable
thin	•	• safe

B Circle in blue the adjectives that describe Buck or Buck's life at the beginning of the story. Underline in red the adjectives that describe Buck or his life now.

4

VOCABULARY

"Look" is a verb that changes meaning when a different preposition is used. Look at these sentences from Chapter Four.

*The hungry dogs were **looking for** food.*

This means that they were trying to find food.

*The dogs **looked like** skeletons.*

This means that they were similar to skeletons.

*François **looked at** the wounded dogs.*

This means that François saw/examined the dogs.

Complete these sentences with *for*, *like* or *at*.

- a. What are you looking ? My book. I know I put it in my bag.
- b. What is he doing? He's looking the stars. It's his favorite hobby.
- c. Robert looks Richard. It's obvious that they are brothers.
- d. Look that bird. It's very big.
- e. My shoes look your shoes. They are very similar.
- f. I'm looking some information on the Internet.

Look at "look" in your dictionary to see some other meanings.

5

READING AND WRITING

- A François writes a letter to his brother Albert. He wants to tell him about the new dog Buck and about his job with Perrault. Circle the correct word to complete the letter.

Dear Albert,

I am ¹**work/worked/working** in the Yukon Territory with a man called Perrault. He is ²**France-Canadian/French-Canadian/Canadian** and he is a courier for ³**the miners/Dawson/the government**. I help him take ⁴**food/documents/money** from Dyea to Dawson City. The work is interesting but the ⁵**time/day/weather** is very cold.

Yesterday ⁶**about/some/many** a hundred hungry dogs ⁷**visited/ate/attacked** us! It was ⁸**terribly/fun/terrible**.

Buck is a new dog on the team and I like him best of all.

He comes ⁹**by/with/from** the Southland and he is learning about the Northland. Buck is big and strong, but his ¹⁰**nose/legs/feet** are still soft. I ¹¹**did/make/made** four little shoes for him last week.

Now he is more comfortable. Buck likes eating fish and meat.

I hope to see you ¹²**at/in/on** the summer.

Your brother,
François

B Now write a short e-mail to your penfriend and tell her/him about your pet.

BEFORE YOU READ

1 LOOKING AT PICTURES

Look at the picture on pages 58 and 59.

- a. What is the name of the town?
- b. What are the people wearing?
- c. How many horses are there?
- d. How many dogs are there?
- e. Where can the miners buy food and clothing?
- f. Where can the people drink and rest?

2 DISCUSSION

The title of Chapter Five is "The Big Fight". Answer the following questions. Discuss with your friends.

- a. Whom do you think fights?

.....

.....

.....

- b. Whom do you think wins?

.....

.....

.....

- c. What happens to the winner and the loser?

.....

.....

.....



The Big Fight



A

t Pelly River one morning Dolly suddenly went crazy. She howled like a wolf and then jumped at Buck. Buck knew this was something terrible and ran away. Dolly was behind him. Buck was afraid. He ran as fast as he could through the woods,¹ across the ice and back to the river. Dolly was one step behind him. Buck could hear her growling angrily.

"Buck! Buck!" François called.

1. woods: 树林。

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"François can save me," Buck thought and ran to him.

François had an axe ¹ ready in his hand. As Buck ran past him the axe fell down on Dolly's head.

Buck lay down near the sled. He was exhausted. This was Spitz's opportunity. He jumped at Buck and bit him very hard. François saw this and hit Spitz.

"That Spitz is a devil," ² said Perrault. "Some day he will kill Buck."

"Buck is like two devils. I know this for sure. Some day Buck will get very angry and eat up ³ Spitz," François said.

From then on it was war between Spitz and Buck. Spitz was the lead-dog ⁴ and master of the team. Buck wanted to be the lead-dog. It was part of his nature. Spitz knew this and hated him. Buck was dangerous because he was strong, clever and patient.

When the dogs made mistakes Buck protected them from Spitz. One morning Pike did not want to get up and Spitz looked for him everywhere. When he found Pike he jumped at him but Buck suddenly attacked Spitz. François whipped Buck with all his strength. This did not stop Buck. François whipped him again and again. The other dogs saw this and it became difficult for Spitz to lead them.

Day after day Buck protected the other dogs from Spitz. Buck did it secretly when François was not looking. Things began to change on the team. The dogs did not respect or obey Spitz. The team became worse. There was always more trouble and Buck was

1. axe : 斧头。



2. devil : (此处指) 很坏的动物。

3. eat up : (此处指) 杀死。

4. lead-dog : 最前位置的狗。

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responsible for it.

François was worried about Buck and Spitz. "Those dogs will have a big fight one day," he thought. But the days passed without a big fight.

They arrived in Dawson City on a cold gray afternoon. There were many men and dogs in Dawson. The dogs did all kinds of work. Buck met some Southland dogs but most of the dogs



The Big Fight

were huskies.

At night there was the aurora borealis¹ and the stars danced in the sky. Every night at nine o'clock, at twelve and at three all the dogs howled together. Buck liked to howl with them. It was a strange song of the night from thousands of years ago. It was the song of Buck's ancestors. It was about the difficulties of life.

They left Dawson after seven days. Perrault had some important

1. aurora borealis : 北极光。



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letters. He wanted to return to Dyea as fast as possible. The dogs were rested and in good condition.

On the first day they traveled fifty miles and on the second day they were on the Yukon River near Pelly.

François had many problems with the team. The dogs did not work well together.

Buck and Spitz hated each other. The other dogs did not respect Spitz. They were not afraid of him anymore.

François often stopped the sled because the dogs were fighting. François knew

that Buck caused the trouble. But Buck was very

clever and François never saw him. Buck worked hard and he

loved pulling the sled.

One night after dinner Dub found a snow rabbit. In a moment all the dogs were running after it. Nearby there was a camp of the Northwest Police with fifty dogs. The fifty dogs started running after the rabbit too. The rabbit ran quickly on the soft snow, but it was more difficult for the dogs. Buck led the pack¹ of sixty dogs and he



1. pack: 一群。



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was very happy. He was hunting his food and he felt alive. His splendid body moved forward in the white moonlight.

In the end Spitz caught the rabbit. He broke its back with his teeth and threw it in the air. Buck attacked Spitz. The dogs fell in the snow. Spitz bit Buck twice and then jumped away. He watched Buck carefully.

Buck knew this was the big fight. Either he or Spitz must die. Their ears went back and they growled angrily. They watched each other carefully and they circled slowly. The night was silent and everything was white in the moonlight. The other dogs ate the rabbit and then turned to watch the fight.

Spitz was a great fighter and he was intelligent. Buck tried to bite his throat but Spitz always defended himself. Every time Buck attacked, Spitz moved away and bit him on the side. Soon Buck was covered with blood. The fight was desperate.¹

But Buck had a good imagination. He fought with his instinct but also with his head. Buck attacked again but at the last minute he went under Spitz and bit his left leg. The bone broke and Spitz stood on three legs. Buck attacked three more times and then broke his right leg.

There was no hope for Spitz now. The silent circle of dogs moved closer to Spitz. They waited for the end. Then Buck attacked again. Spitz fell down on the snow. He disappeared under the circle of the other dogs. Buck stood and watched. He was the champion.²

1. desperate : 拼命的。

2. champion : 胜利者。



UNDERSTANDING THE TEXT

1

Decide if each statement is correct or incorrect.

If it is correct, tick (✓) A; if it is not correct, tick (✓) B.

	A	B
a. Dolly ran after Buck because she wanted to play with him.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Spitz was the master of the team.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. When François was not looking, Buck protected the other dogs from Spitz.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. All the dogs in Dawson City were from the Southland.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. At night Buck liked howling with the other dogs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. There were problems on the team because Buck caused trouble.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Spitz led a pack of sixty dogs and chased a snow rabbit.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Spitz was a great fighter and Buck was afraid of him.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Buck broke Spitz's front legs and Spitz fell down on the snow and died.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



LISTENING

A journalist from the *Dawson City Gazette* interviews Perrault. Listen to the interview and for each question indicate the correct answer A, B, C or D.

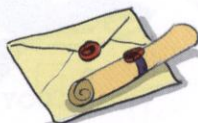
1. What does Perrault take from Dyea to Dawson City?



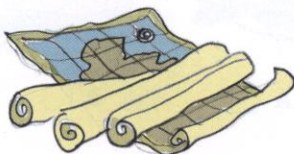
A ☐



B ☐



C ☐



D ☐

2. What time does Perrault start traveling in the morning?



A ☐



B ☐

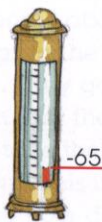


C ☐

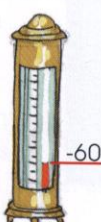


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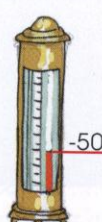
3. What is the temperature in the Yukon Territory?



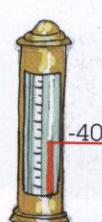
A ☐



B ☐



C ☐



D ☐

4. When does Perrault stop to rest and eat?



A ☐



B ☐



C ☐



D ☐

5. What do Perrault and François eat?



A ☐



B ☐



C ☐



D ☐

6. When did Perrault arrive in Dawson City?



A ☐



B ☐



C ☐



D ☐

3

DISCUSSION

PETS AND OTHER ANIMALS

a. Do you have a pet?

Yes, it's a Go to b.

No. Go to c.

b. Do you look after your pet?

Always Sometimes

Never

Go to c.

c. If you have a pet, what must you do?

- feed it
- take it for a walk
- brush it
- give it a bath
- play with it
- take it to the vet
- others

4 DID YOU KNOW?

Some animals are stray animals. They don't have a master. No one loves them or looks after them. These animals live in the streets and they are unhappy. They are often hungry, thirsty, cold and ill. Stray dogs suffer a lot because dogs are pack animals and they don't want to live alone.

Some people abandon their dogs in the summer. They go on vacation and they don't want to take their dogs with them. This is very cruel! The poor dog is



Bruce Lambert, RSPCA Photo Library

A dog never abandons its master.

suddenly alone. It doesn't know where to go or what to do. A dog never abandons its master. But some cruel masters abandon their dogs.

There are many societies that want to protect animals. In America there is the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA). In Great Britain there is the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA). They work with people, governments and teachers to protect animals.



An abandoned dog with her puppy. Who can look after them?

Are there similar societies in your country?
What do they do?

See more information about the ASPCA and the RSPCA on the Internet.

BEFORE YOU READ

1 LISTENING

Listen to the first part of Chapter Six and decide if each statement is correct or incorrect. If it is correct tick (✓) A; if it is not correct, tick (✓) B.

- | | A | B |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| a. François found Spitz's dead body. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. François wanted to put Sol-leks in the lead position. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. Buck was angry and attacked François. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. Perrault went to get a heavy club. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e. Buck became the new lead-dog and he was very happy. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f. The temperature was 25 °F below zero. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| g. They reached Skagway after 14 days. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

2 LOOKING AT PICTURES

Look at the picture on page 70.

- a. What is the man wearing?
.....
- b. What is in his hand?
.....
- c. Circle the adjectives in the box below that you can use to describe the man.

friendly angry happy cruel funny sad

The New Lead-Dog



T

he next morning François could not find Spitz and he saw Buck covered with blood.

"What did I say? Buck is a great fighter!" said François.

Perrault looked at the wounds¹ on Buck's body and said, "That Spitz fought like a devil."

"And Buck fought like two devils," François said. "Now we can travel faster. No more Spitz, no more trouble."

François started to harness the dogs. Buck walked to Spitz's old

1. wounds : 伤口。

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position. But François put Sol-leks in the lead position. Buck jumped angrily at Sol-leks.

"Eh?" François cried. "Look at that Buck. He killed Spitz and now he wants his place. Go away, Buck." But Buck did not move.

Sol-leks was not happy. He was afraid of Buck. When François turned his back Buck pushed Sol-leks away.

François was angry. "Now, I'll show you!"

He went to get a heavy club. Buck remembered the man in the red sweater and moved away.

"Come here, Buck," said François.

Buck did not obey. He wanted to be the lead-dog because he won the fight with Spitz.

The two men tried to put on the harness but he always moved away.

"Come here, Buck," Perrault said. But Buck did not move.

It was late. François put Sol-leks in his old place. Perrault looked at his watch and he was angry. "Put down the club, François!"

François put down the club and Buck came to the front of the team. François put on the harness and the sled started moving.

Buck was an excellent lead-dog. He moved and thought quickly. The other dogs worked harder with Buck. The team traveled faster and faster.

"Buck is the best dog! The very best!" François said.

It was 45 °F below zero. Some days the dogs traveled sixty miles or more. After fourteen days they reached Skagway. The dog team was the center of attention. Then the two men received orders from the Canadian government. François put his arms around Buck and cried. Then the two men left and Buck did not see them again.

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Another man took Buck and his team back to Dawson. The sled was very heavy because it carried mail for the gold miners. Buck did not like it, but he and the other dogs worked hard. It was not an interesting life. One day was like another.

They started before it was light. At night they camped and this was the best part of the day. The dogs ate some fish and rested by the fire. Buck loved to rest by the fire. Sometimes he thought of Judge Miller's big house and his life there. He also thought about the man in the red sweater, the death of Curly and the big fight with Spitz. Other times he remembered his parents, his ancestors and the world of long ago.

The journey was hard and the mail was heavy. The dogs were tired and weak.¹ They needed a long rest. But after only two days they were traveling again. The dogs and the men were unhappy.

Each night the men took care of² their dogs. They looked at their feet but the dogs became weaker every day. Billee cried in his sleep and was very unfriendly. Dave was tired and ill. Something was wrong with him. When they stopped in the evening he lay down and did not stand up until morning. The men were worried about Dave. They did not understand his illness.

One day Dave could not pull the sled anymore. He cried sadly when Sol-leks took his place. The next morning Dave could not move. The driver took his pistol and walked away. The dogs heard a shot.³ The man came back quickly and the sled moved again. Buck and the other dogs knew what happened to Dave.

1. weak : 虚弱的。

2. took care of : 照料。

3. shot : 枪声。



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Thirty days after leaving Dawson City the team arrived in Skagway. The dogs were exhausted¹ and thin. They needed a long rest. The men needed new, strong dogs to pull the sled.

They sold the old, tired dogs. Two American men called Hal and Charles bought Buck and his team. They bought other dogs too. Charles was forty years old and Hal was a young man. Charles' wife Mercedes was also with them. They knew nothing about life in the Northland and they made many mistakes.

They put too many things on their sled and tried to start. The dogs pulled hard for a few moments and then stopped. They could not move it because it was too heavy.

"These lazy animals!" cried Hal with a whip in his hand.

"They're very weak," said a man. "They need a rest."

"Nonsense! They're very lazy," said Hal. "Mush!" he cried. "Mush!"

Hal whipped the dogs again and again.

Another man said, "I don't care about you, but I care about the dogs. Break the ice around the sled, and then the dogs can pull."

Hal broke the ice and the sled moved forward.

The unhappy team moved on. Day after day Hal whipped the poor dogs. He gave them little food to eat. They were very tired and very hungry. They looked like skeletons. Dub hurt himself and was shot. Billee and some other dogs died.

"Soon we will all die," Buck thought.

1. exhausted: 筋疲力尽。



UNDERSTANDING THE TEXT

- 1** Put the following sentences in the correct order, 1 to 7. The first is done for you.

- a. Perrault saw the wounds on Buck's body.
- b. Buck was angry and jumped at Sol-leks.
- c. François put down the club and Buck became the lead-dog.
- d. François put Sol-leks in the lead position.
- 1... e. François looked for Spitz but could not find him.
- f. The team traveled very fast with their new leader.
- g. François went to get a club.

- 2** Read the passage below and choose the correct word A, B, C, or D for each space. The first is done for you.

When the dog team ⁰ D. Skagway, François put his arms ¹ Buck and said goodbye. Now Buck and the other dogs pulled a very heavy sled. ² carried mail for the miners. At night they rested and ate ³ the fire. The work was hard and the dogs became ⁴ every day. Dave became ill and could not pull the sled ⁵ He ⁶ sadly and that was the end of Dave. The men sold the tired dogs to two Americans. They knew ⁷ about the Northland. The dogs ate very ⁸ food. Hal whipped ⁹ and many dogs ¹⁰

- | | | | |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------------|
| 0. A arrived | B came | C left | <u>D reached</u> |
| 1. A with | B around | C by | D at |
| 2. A It | B We | C He | D Them |
| 3. A in | B by | C front | D on |
| 4. A weak | B weaker | C weakest | D weaken |
| 5. A anyone | B anything | C anymore | D no more |
| 6. A cried | B cry | C crying | D cries |
| 7. A no | B none | C anything | D nothing |
| 8. A tiny | B little | C small | D short |
| 9. A him | B they | C them | D their |
| 10. A died | B dies | C dead | D dying |

3

DISCUSSION

At the end of Chapter Six, Buck is very tired and hungry. Discuss the questions below with your friends.

- a. Do you think he can continue to pull the sled?
.....
- b. What does Buck need to survive?
.....
- c. What do you think happens to him and the other dogs?
.....
- d. What do you think happens to Hal, Charles and Mercedes?
.....

BEFORE YOU READ

1

LOOKING AT PICTURES

Look at the picture on pages 84 and 85.

- a. What season is it?
- b. Is the water warm?
- c. Where is Buck?
- d. What is the man in the river holding onto?
- e. What is the man in the white shirt holding?
- f. Why are the two men running?

2

The title of Chapter Seven is "For the Love of a Man". Look at the names below. Do you think Buck loved any of these men? Say why or why not. Discuss your opinions with your friends.

Judge Miller the man with the red sweater
 François Perrault Hal Charles

e.g. *I think Buck loved Judge Miller because he was Buck's friend in the Southland.*



For the Love of a Man



O

nly five dogs reached John Thornton's camp: Joe, Pike, Sol-leks, Teek and Buck. They fell on the ground and could not move. They were almost dead.

It was nearly the end of winter and it was a beautiful day. John Thornton was repairing an axe.

"Is it safe to cross the river here?" asked Hal.

"Oh no, it's very dangerous. The ice is too thin," answered Thornton.

Hal looked at him and said, "I don't believe you. We must go to Dawson."

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He took his whip and cried, "Come on, Buck! Let's go!"

Thornton knew these people were stupid and did not understand. The team did not move. After a while Sol-leks slowly stood up. Joe was crying but he stood up. Pike tried twice and fell down. The third time he stood up. Buck did not try. Hal whipped him but Buck did not move.

Thornton wanted to speak but he did not. Hal was furious and took the club. He hit Buck again and again. But Buck did not want to stand up. He had a strange feeling of doom.¹ He saw thin ice in front of him. After so much suffering he did not feel the club.

Then suddenly Thornton jumped on Hal and threw him to the ground.

"Don't hit that dog again or I'll kill you," Thornton cried.

"It's my dog," said Hal. "Go away or I'll hit you too. I'm going to Dawson."

Thornton stood between him and Buck. Hal took out his long knife. Thornton knocked it out of Hal's hand. Then Thornton picked it up and cut Buck's harness.

Hal did not want to fight. Buck was almost dead. A few minutes later Hal and the sled went along the river. Buck raised his head and saw Pike, Sol-leks, Joe and Teek pulling the sled. Thornton examined Buck's body. He was looking for broken bones. Buck was terribly thin and weak.

"You have many wounds, but no broken bones," said Thornton.

Both dog and man watched the sled. It was crossing the ice in the middle of the river. Suddenly the back of the sled went down

1. doom : 厄运。

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and the front went up. There was a lot of screaming.¹ Then a big piece of ice broke and the dogs and the people disappeared.

John Thornton and Buck looked at each other.

"You poor dog," said Thornton and Buck licked his hand.

John Thornton was ill all winter. His friends left him at White River while they went to Dawson. Thornton had a lot of food and he was comfortable. Now it was spring and he was better. During the warm spring days he and Buck sat by the river. Buck watched the water and listened to the birds. He needed the long rest. Slowly he became stronger and fatter.

John Thornton had two other dogs. Skeet was a small dog and she made friends with Buck. When Buck was ill she took care of him. She washed his cuts with her tongue. Nig was a big friendly dog. His eyes laughed. When Buck became stronger the three dogs played together. Thornton sometimes played with them.

The days passed happily. For the first time Buck learned to love. He and Judge Miller were very good friends, but Buck did not love him.

John Thornton saved Buck's life and he was the perfect master. He loved his dogs and took good care of them. The dogs were like his children. He always talked to Buck. He took Buck's head between his hands and shook it lovingly. He adored Thornton. When Thornton touched him or spoke to him he was wild with happiness.² He sat near Thornton and looked at his face for hours. At first Buck followed Thornton everywhere. He did not want Thornton to leave like François and Perrault.

1. screaming : 尖叫。

2. wild with happiness : 非常高兴。



The Call of the Wild



Buck was very happy with Thornton but he was a dog of the Northland. He dreamed of other animals and heard them calling him. It was the call of the wild. Sometimes Buck wanted to answer the call. He often went into the forest but he always returned to Thornton.

Buck was not interested in other men. When Thornton's friends Hans and Pete returned, Buck did not notice them. He knew they were Thornton's good friends and so he accepted them. Hans and Pete saw that Buck loved only Thornton and no one else. He was always happy to obey Thornton.

One day they were in Circle City. "Black" Burton was a bad and cruel man. He was in a saloon and he was fighting with another man. Thornton tried to stop them. Buck sat in a corner and watched. Burton hit Thornton and he almost fell. There was a loud growl and Buck jumped into the air at Burton's throat. The man put up his arm and saved his life. Then he fell to the ground with Buck on top of him. Buck bit into his throat. Some people pulled Buck off the man. A doctor arrived and examined Burton's throat.

"The dog attacked only because Thornton was in danger," someone said. From that day Buck's name became famous all over the Northland.

In the fall of that year Buck saved Thornton's life another time. The three men were going down the river. Thornton was in the boat and Hans and Pete were on the river bank.¹ They were holding the boat with a rope. Buck was on the bank and watched his master. Soon they came to a dangerous part of the river. The

1. bank: (此处指) 河岸。

For the Love of a Man

boat was going too fast because the current¹ was strong. Hans pulled the rope to stop the boat, but it turned over. Thornton fell into the water.

Buck jumped in immediately and swam to his master. Thornton took Buck's tail² and Buck swam bravely towards the river bank. But they moved slowly because the river pushed them to the rocks.

"We can't get to the river bank because the current is too strong," said Thornton. He held onto a rock and let go of Buck's tail. Then he cried, "Go, Buck! Go!"

Buck obeyed and swam to the river bank. Hans and Pete pulled him out of the river.

"We must work fast to save Thornton. He's in great danger!" said Pete.

They tied a rope around Buck and he jumped into the river again. The river carried him past Thornton but he finally reached him. Thornton held on to Buck, and Hans and Pete pulled the rope very hard. Thornton and Buck disappeared under the water.

When Hans and Pete pulled them out they both seemed dead. But they slowly opened their eyes. Thornton examined Buck's body and found three broken bones.

"We must camp here until Buck is better," said Thornton.

1. current: (此处指) 水流。

2. tail: 尾巴。







UNDERSTANDING THE TEXT

- 1** Read the sentences below and for each question choose the correct answer A, B, C or D.

1. When the five dogs reached John Thornton's camp
 - A ☐ they were fighting.
 - B ☐ they all died.
 - C ☐ it was snowing.
 - D ☐ it was a beautiful day.
2. It was dangerous to cross the river because
 - A ☐ it was dark.
 - B ☐ the ice was too thin.
 - C ☐ there were no boats.
 - D ☐ there was a big storm.
3. Hal hit Buck with the club because
 - A ☐ Buck did not want to stand up.
 - B ☐ Buck was attacking him.
 - C ☐ Buck was fighting with Sol-leks.
 - D ☐ Buck took Pike's fish.
4. John Thornton protected Buck from Hal
 - A ☐ but Buck was already dead.
 - B ☐ but Buck ran away.
 - C ☐ and cut his harness.
 - D ☐ but Buck followed the other dogs.
5. Hal, Charles, Mercedes and the dogs
 - A ☐ disappeared under the ice.
 - B ☐ arrived in Dawson City at night.
 - C ☐ stopped at White River.
 - D ☐ stayed at Thornton's camp for a week.

6. Buck became stronger and made friends with
- A ☐ Hans and Pete.
 - B ☐ Skeet and Nig.
 - C ☐ Hans.
 - D ☐ Pete.
7. Buck loved only one man:
- A ☐ Judge Miller
 - B ☐ François
 - C ☐ John Thornton
 - D ☐ Perrault
8. Buck attacked "Black" Burton because
- A ☐ he whipped him.
 - B ☐ he was a cruel master.
 - C ☐ Hans and Pete were in danger.
 - D ☐ Thornton was in danger.
9. Where was Buck when Thornton was on the boat?
- A ☐ On the boat with him.
 - B ☐ On the river bank.
 - C ☐ In the forest.
 - D ☐ In the saloon.
10. When Buck came out of the river he
- A ☐ returned to Circle City.
 - B ☐ slept near the fire.
 - C ☐ had three broken bones.
 - D ☐ ate some fish.

2 WRITING

- A** You are John Thornton and you want to write a letter to your mother and father. You want to tell them about Buck. Fill in the gaps with words from the text.



Dear Mother and Father,

I have a new ¹..... called Buck. He ²..... very handsome and strong. Let me tell you what he did last week. I was in a ³..... on the river, Hans and Pete were on the river ⁴..... holding the boat with a rope. The current was very strong and suddenly the boat turned over and I ⁵..... into the water. Buck ⁶..... in and swam to me. I held his ⁷..... but the current was very strong. Then Hans and Pete tied a ⁸..... around him. He jumped in again and this time we reached the river bank. Buck is a fantastic and very brave dog.

Love, John

- B** Now write a letter to a member of your family or friend saying what you did last month.

VOCABULARY

Did you know that there are words to describe different groups of animals? Look at these!



A PACK of dogs/wolves



A SCHOOL of fish



A HERD of cattle/cows/buffalo



A FLOCK of birds/sheep/goats



A LITTER of puppies/kittens



A SWARM of insects

Use these new words to complete the following sentences.

- a. Look at the of bees!
- b. The mother cat had a of kittens.
- c. Wolves travel in a
- d. A of birds is flying over the trees.
- e. There was a of cattle on the farm.
- f. A of dolphins was swimming near the beach.
- g. A of sheep was crossing the road.
- h. A of puppies is sleeping in front of the fire.
- i. Pete was swimming near a of fish.
- j. The Indians ran after the of buffalo.

WOLVES

What do you know about wolves? Many legends and fairy tales say that wolves are bad. But is this true?

Wolves lived on our planet in big numbers a million years ago. During the centuries man killed a large part of the wolf population. And today these splendid animals are in danger of extinction¹.

Wolves are very intelligent, social animals. They live, hunt and travel in a family called a pack. The pack is very united and respects a certain social order. Each pack has a leader and everyone obeys and respects him. The leader keeps his tail and head high in the air. The other wolves in the pack keep their tails low or between their legs. When they are near the leader they keep their head down as a sign of respect.



A splendid Canadian wolf.

1. extinction : 绝种。

When wolves mate¹ they stay together forever and are faithful to their partner. They don't change partners. When wolves are old or sick the other pack members look after them. They bring them food and protect them.

Wolves are great hunters because they are strong, clever and patient. The pack hunts together and follows the leader. Wolves usually hunt large animals such as moose,² deer³ and sheep.



A wolf pup.

In the spring the wolf pups⁴ are born and they live in dens⁵. A den is a safe, warm place for the pups. When the pups are two months old they leave the den and travel with their pack. The pack leader teaches the pups to hunt and to do many other things too. Wolves are very patient, loving parents.

Wolves communicate with each other and express their happiness and sadness. When they are happy to see another wolf they lick its face and ears! When they are angry they show their teeth.

Wolves also communicate with sounds. They howl to "talk" to their pack or to call them together. They growl to scare another animal. They bark to tell their pack of danger or to attack an enemy.

They whimper⁶ to call or calm their pups.

Wolves are clean animals. They like washing in rivers and they are good

1. mate : 交配。

2. moose : 驼鹿。

3. deer : 鹿。

4. pups : 幼狼。

5. dens : 兽穴。

6. whimper : 发呜咽声。



swimmers. They love playing together and having fun. Wolves can be white, gray, black or brown.

McKinley National Park in Alaska is the biggest "home" for wolves in the world. About 10,000 wolves live in the state of Alaska. Today there are about one hundred and twenty wolves in Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming. In Ely, Minnesota, there is an International Wolf Center that is open to visitors. Today wolves live in Canada, in the northwest of the United States, in Europe and in Asia, and the governments of many countries protect them.

What is your opinion of wolves now?

Stone/Laura Ronchi



Let's protect wolves from extinction.

1 Decide if each statement is correct or incorrect. If it is correct, tick (✓) A; if it is not correct, tick (✓) B.

- | | | |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| a. Wolves live alone in the forests. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. The leader walks with its tail high. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. The pack members take care of old or sick wolves. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. Wolves change partners in the spring. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e. Pups live in dens for about two months. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f. When a wolf is happy it barks. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| g. Wolves howl to communicate with their pack. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| h. Wolves are afraid of water. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

2 Discuss the following questions with your friends.

- What other animals are in danger of extinction?
- What can we do to protect these animals?

BEFORE YOU READ

1 Look at the picture on pages 96 and 97 and answer these questions.



a. What is the weather like?

.....

b. Where are they?

.....

c. What are the people doing?

.....

d. What is Buck doing?

.....

e. What is on the sled?

.....

f. Why is he doing this?

.....

g. Does it seem easy?

.....

The Winner



A

t Dawson that winter Buck did something that made him very famous in the Northland. Thornton, Hans and Pete wanted to go to the east to look for gold. But they needed money.

One day they were at the Eldorado Saloon.

"My dog can pull a sled with five hundred pounds on it," said one man.

"Well, my dog can pull six hundred pounds," said another man.

The Winner

"Really? Well, my dog can pull seven hundred pounds," said a third man called Matthewson.

"That's nothing," said Thornton. "Buck can pull a thousand pounds."

"Can he move the sled when it's frozen¹ to the ice and then pull it a hundred yards?"² asked Matthewson.

"Yes, he can," said Thornton.

"Well," said Matthewson. "I've got a thousand dollars here; and I say he can't." He took a bag of gold and put it on the table.

Nobody spoke. Thornton thought, "I know Buck is strong, but is he really so strong?"

The men at the saloon looked at him silently and waited. Thornton did not have a thousand dollars, and his friends did not either.

"I've got a sled outside with a thousand pounds on it," Matthewson said. "Do you want to try?"

Thornton did not know what to say. He looked at all the men. Then he saw his old friend Jim O'Brien.

"Can you lend me³ a thousand dollars, Jim?" Thornton said softly.

"Sure," said O'Brien. "But I don't think your dog can do it."

Everyone went into the street. A lot of men stood around Matthewson's sled.

The sled was frozen to the ice because it was terribly cold.

1. frozen: (此处指) 冻住。

2. yards: 码 (1 码等于 0.914 公尺)。

3. lend me: 借给我。

The Call of the Wild



Matthewson was sure Buck could not win and said, "I'm paying another four hundred dollars! What about you?"

Thornton, Hans and Pete talked together. They had only two hundred dollars and they added them to the thousand dollars.

Buck felt the excitement in the air. He knew he must do something great for Thornton. Buck was in perfect condition. He was a splendid dog.

Thornton sat down on the snow next to Buck. He held Buck's head in his hands and spoke softly in his ear.



The Winner

"If you love me, Buck. If you love me."

Buck understood. He took Thornton's hand between his teeth and then let go. He often did this as a sign of his love.

Everyone was silent. Thornton stood up and said, "Ready, Buck."

Buck pulled on the harness.

"Right!" cried Thornton.

Buck pulled to the right and stopped suddenly.

"Now, left!" cried Thornton.



The Call of the Wild



Buck pulled to the left. The ice was breaking.

"Now, MUSH!"

Buck started to pull. His strong body pulled harder and harder. The sled moved a little. Suddenly it started to go forward on the snow. Buck pulled it for one hundred yards. He was the winner! The men shouted and threw their hats in the air.

Thornton was on the snow with Buck. He took his head and shook it. He was crying with happiness. Buck had Thornton's hand between his teeth.

In five minutes Buck made one thousand six hundred dollars for Thornton and his friends. With this money they could travel to the east to look for a lost gold mine. No one knew where it was. It was a mystery.

The three men with Buck and six other dogs started to go east. They traveled up the Stewart River and into the Mackenzie Mountains.

Thornton was not afraid of the wild. He hunted his food during the day. Buck was very happy. He loved hunting, fishing and traveling.

They camped in different places and looked for gold. In the summer they built small boats and crossed mountain lakes and went down rivers. The months passed and they continued to travel in the unknown country. In the winter they found an old cabin,¹ but they did not find the gold mine.

Then in the spring they found a stream² with gold in it. It looked like yellow butter. Every day the men worked hard and

1. cabin : 小木屋。

2. stream : 小溪。

The Winner

found lots of gold. They put it in many big bags. Each bag had fifty pounds of gold.

The dogs did nothing except watch the men and eat. Buck spent many hours sitting by the fire and dreaming. Sometimes during the day he heard a call from the forest. He listened and ran off into the forest. He loved running under the tall trees and looking at the birds.

One night he woke up suddenly. He heard the call again. It came from the forest and it was a long howl. He ran into the forest and followed the sound. He came to an open space in the trees and saw a wolf. He was sitting and his nose was up in the air. He was looking at the sky.

Buck walked towards him slowly and silently. The wolf stopped howling and ran away. Buck followed him. After some time the wolf stopped and growled at Buck. He was afraid because Buck was much bigger. But Buck did not want to fight. He wanted to make friends with the wolf. The wolf understood and they touched noses. They became friends and played together. They ran for hours through the forest and under the open sky. Old memories came back to Buck. He was very happy.

They stopped by a stream to drink and Buck remembered John Thornton. The wolf wanted Buck to follow him. But Buck turned and slowly went back. The wolf followed him for a while. Then he sat down and howled. It was a sad howl.

Thornton was eating dinner when Buck returned. He jumped all over Thornton and licked his face.

For two days and nights Buck never left camp. He followed Thornton everywhere. But soon Buck heard the call again. He

The Call of the Wild

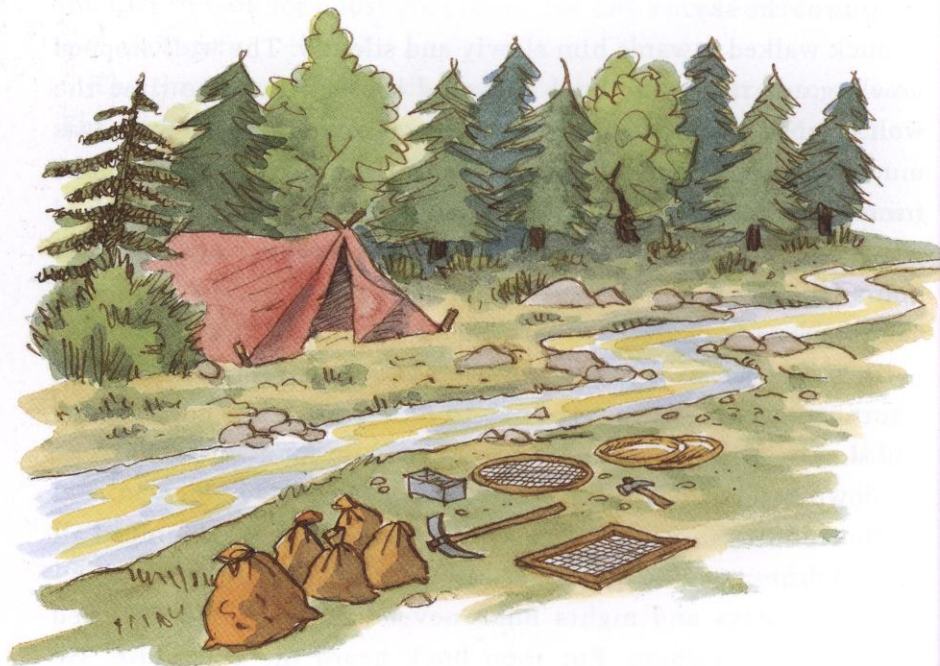


thought about his wild brother and the forest.

Buck began to sleep out at night. He stayed away from camp for three or four days. Once he stayed away for a week. He looked for his wild brother but could not find him. He fished in the streams and killed animals for food.

Every part of his body was alive and healthy. He was stronger and faster than other dogs. There was so much energy in Buck.

One day Buck was going to the forest and Thornton said, "What a fantastic dog!" Hans and Pete agreed.



UNDERSTANDING THE TEXT

- 1 Decide if each statement is correct or incorrect. If it is correct, tick (✓) A; if it is not correct, tick (✓) B.

	A	B
a. Thornton and his friends wanted to look for an old gold mine in the north.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. At the Eldorado Saloon they met a man called Matthewson.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Matthewson said, "My dog can pull a thousand pounds."	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Thornton and his friends did not have a thousand dollars.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Jim O'Brien could not help them.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Buck pulled the sled for one hundred yards and was the winner.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. After a year Thornton and his friends found the old gold mine.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. The men found gold and put it in big boxes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. In the forest Buck saw a wolf and they became friends.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. When Buck heard the call he ran into the forest.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- 2 Look at the signs and for each sign indicate the correct explanation A, B, C or D.

1.



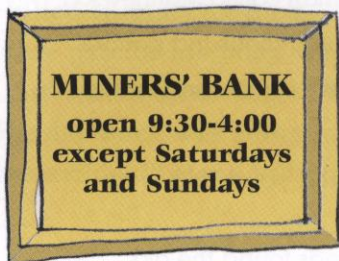
- A ☐ Sleds can enter the saloon.
 B ☐ You can leave your sled in front of the saloon.
 C ☐ You must leave your sled at the back of the saloon.
 D ☐ You must leave your sled outside the saloon door.

2.



- A ☐ Dogs must never enter the restaurant.
- B ☐ Dogs are always welcome in the restaurant.
- C ☐ Dogs can enter the restaurant between midday and 2 p.m.
- D ☐ Dogs can enter the restaurant before midday and after 2 p.m.

3.



- A ☐ The bank opens at 4:00.
- B ☐ The bank is closed between 9:30 and 4:00.
- C ☐ The bank is open five days a week.
- D ☐ The bank is closed only on Sundays.

4.



- A ☐ You can send a letter to Skagway every day except Monday.
- B ☐ You can send a letter to Skagway every Monday.
- C ☐ The Skagway Post Office is closed on Mondays.
- D ☐ You can receive a letter from Skagway only on Monday.

5.



- A ☐ You must not walk on the left.
- B ☐ It is dangerous to walk on the right.
- C ☐ Don't walk on the road.
- D ☐ You must not walk on the road at night.

3

DISCUSSION

In 1898 John Thornton won \$1,600. Today this is the equivalent of approximately \$35,000. (€ 40,000). What could you buy with this money? Discuss this with your friends.

BEFORE YOU READ

1 LOOKING AT PICTURES

Look at the picture on page 109.

- Where is Buck?
- What time of day is it?
- What is he doing?
- Who is following him?
- Is he happy or sad?

2

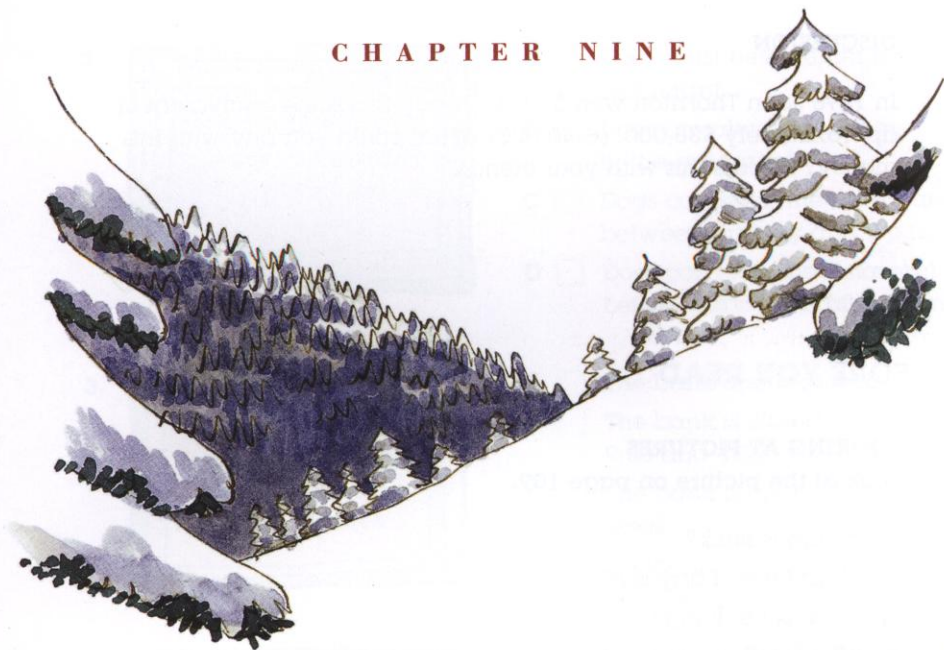
LISTENING

Listen to the first part of Chapter Nine and decide if each statement is correct or incorrect. If it is correct, tick (✓) A; if it is not correct, tick (✓) B.



- In the fall many wolves came to the valley.
- It was warmer in the valley.
- The moose was six years old.
- Buck separated the moose from his group.
- Buck was clever and patient.
- On the fourth day the moose ran away and Buck followed him.

A	B
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>




The Call of the Wild



In the fall many moose came to the valley because it was warmer. Buck wanted to hunt a big moose. The biggest moose was six feet ¹ tall and had enormous antlers. ² He was much bigger and stronger than Buck. When he saw Buck he growled angrily.

Buck followed the moose for many hours. He was clever and thought, "I must separate him from his group."

1. six feet : 6 英尺 (约 1.8 米) 。

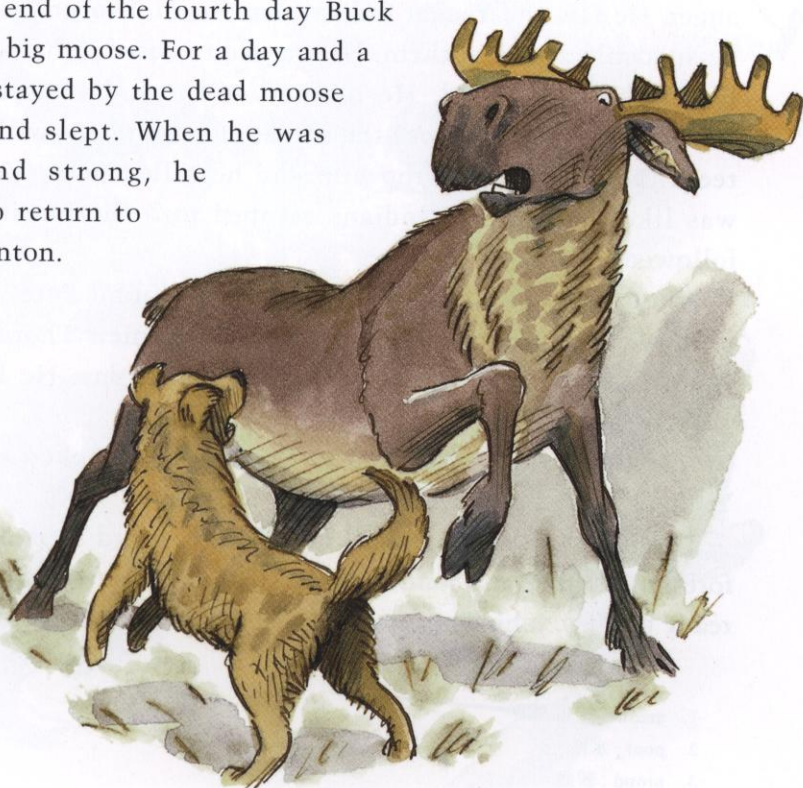
2. antlers : 鹿角。 

The Call of the Wild

It was not easy, but by evening the moose was away from his group. Buck started to attack him.

Wild animals are patient. They do not hurry. They wait for the right moment and then they attack. Buck knew how to wait. For four days Buck attacked and jumped away. Then he danced in front of the big moose. He never left him alone. The moose could not eat, drink, sleep or rest. He became very tired and very weak and stopped for long periods so Buck ate, drank and rested.

At the end of the fourth day Buck killed the big moose. For a day and a night he stayed by the dead moose and ate and slept. When he was rested and strong, he decided to return to John Thornton.



The Call of the Wild



When Buck was five miles from camp he smelled something strange, something terrible. He started running fast. The forest was silent, there were no birds and no small animals.

Near some trees he found the dead body of Nig. He had an arrow¹ in his body. He found another sled dog with an arrow in his neck.

Near the camp Buck heard voices singing. Then he found Hans' body with arrows in his back.

A wild, terrible anger grew in Buck. He could not control his anger. He saw the Yeehat Indians dancing at Thornton's camp and he suddenly attacked them. He wanted to destroy them. Buck was faster than the wind. He jumped at the Indians with all his strength and anger. He cut the throat of two Indians with his sharp teeth. Nothing could stop him and he killed many Yeehats. He was like a devil. The Indians escaped into the forest but Buck followed them.

When Buck returned to the camp he found Pete's body. He followed Thornton's smell to a pool.² Buck knew Thornton's body was in the pool. He stayed by the pool all day. He knew John Thornton was dead.

Now he was very sad and alone. When he looked at the dead Yeehats he was proud³ of himself.

That night there was a full moon. Buck heard the sounds of the forest. They became louder. It was the call of the wild and he was ready to obey. John Thornton was dead. He was completely free.

1. arrow : 箭。



2. pool : 水池。

3. proud : 骄傲。



The Call of the Wild



A wolf pack¹ entered Buck's valley. He watched them silently. They were afraid because Buck was so big. Then one wolf jumped at Buck and he attacked and broke the wolf's neck. Three other wolves jumped at him but he attacked them.

Finally all the wolf pack attacked Buck. He jumped at them with his great strength and intelligence. They could not stop him. After half an hour the pack went away. They were very tired. One wolf was friendly and went close to Buck. Buck remembered him, it was his wild brother. They touched noses.

Other wolves came to make friends. An old wolf sat down, looked at the moon and howled. The others sat down and howled too. Buck did the same.

Soon the wolves were all around Buck and smelled him. Then they ran into the forest and Buck ran with them. His wild brother ran by his side.

Perhaps this is the end of Buck's story. But after a few years the Yeehat Indians saw that some wolves had brown in their gray coats. They also saw a "Ghost Dog"² at the front of the wolf pack.

When the Yeehats follow the moose they do not enter a certain valley. In the summer there is a visitor in that valley: a big, golden-brown wolf. He is bigger than any other wolf. He goes to a yellow stream, stops there and then howls.

But he is not always alone. He is the leader of the wolf pack. He runs in the moonlight and sings the song of the pack.

1. wolf pack : 狼群。

2. Ghost Dog : 幽灵狗。



UNDERSTANDING THE TEXT

- 1** Read the sentences below and for each question choose the correct answer, A, B, C or D.

1. Buck stayed with the big moose for
 - A ☐ one week.
 - B ☐ three days.
 - C ☐ four days.
 - D ☐ four hours.
2. The moose became very tired and weak
 - A ☐ because he was old.
 - B ☐ but he attacked Buck and bit him.
 - C ☐ because he could not eat or sleep.
 - D ☐ because he was separated from his group.
3. When Buck returned to Thornton's camp,
 - A ☐ he sat by the fire and rested.
 - B ☐ he played with Skeet.
 - C ☐ Hans, Nig and another sled dog were dead.
 - D ☐ he went swimming in the stream.
4. John Thornton's body was
 - A ☐ in the gold mine.
 - B ☐ in the pool.
 - C ☐ in the old cabin.
 - D ☐ near some trees.
5. Buck obeyed the call of the wild
 - A ☐ and returned to Dawson City.
 - B ☐ because John Thornton was dead and he was free.
 - C ☐ but after a year he had another master.
 - D ☐ and went to live with the Yeehat Indians.

2 LISTENING

The Yeehat Indians live near the Stewart River. They are afraid to enter the valley in the Mackenzie Mountains. The Canadian Northwest Police want to know more about this. Listen to the interview and fill in the spaces with the information you hear.

CANADIAN NORTHWEST POLICE REPORT

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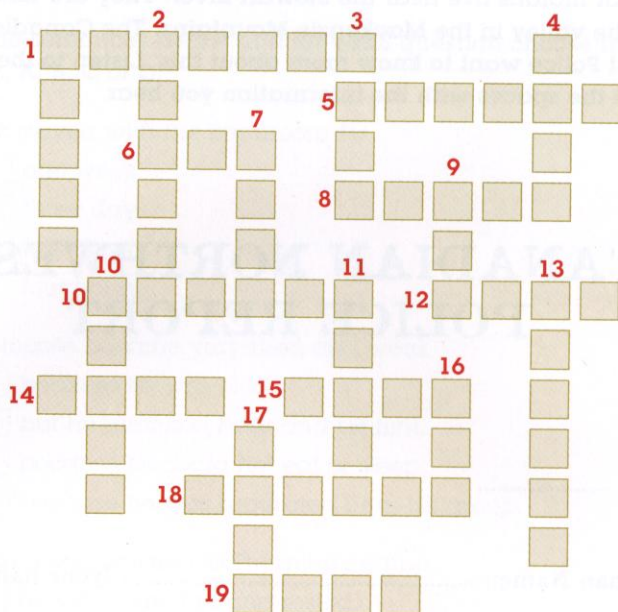
Policeman Name: (your name)

The Yeehat Indians are ¹ of the valley. They think a ² lives there. He is a big, ³ dog and he has white ⁴ He is bigger than a ⁵ At night he looks at the ⁶ and howls. The wolves ⁷ him because he is the ⁸ of the wolf pack.

There is lots of ⁹ in the stream but everyone is afraid to enter the ¹⁰

3







Have fun with this crossword puzzle!



ACROSS

1.  (7)
5. Buck was the of a pack of wolves. (6)
6. The Past Simple of run. (3)
8. The Past Simple of drink. (5)
10. A small river. (6)
12. Not difficult. (4)
14. The Indians afraid of Buck. (4)
15.  (4)
18.  (6)
19. A season. (4)

DOWN

1.  (5)
2. Inside the neck. (6) 
3.  (4)
4. Not strong. (4)
7.  (4)
9. The Past Simple of eat. (3)
10. The Past Simple of sleep. (5)
11.  (5)
13. A season. (6)
16. Buck could control his anger. (4)
17.  (4)

EXIT TEST

1 Decide if each statement is correct or incorrect. If it is correct, tick (✓) A; if it is not correct, tick (✓) B.

	A	B
a. Buck was born at Judge Miller's place in Seattle.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. He was the most important dog at Judge Miller's place.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Manuel sold Buck to the fat man with the red sweater.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The man with the red sweater hit Buck with a club.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The <i>Narwhal</i> took Buck, Curly, Spitz and Dave to the Northland.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Billee was Buck's enemy.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. There were six dogs in a harness.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. François guided the sled from behind and Perrault went ahead of the dogs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. In the Northland Buck became stronger and more primitive, because he followed his instinct.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. Perrault's job was dangerous.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
k. Perrault made little shoes for the dogs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
l. François killed Dolly because she was crazy.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Read the passage below and choose the correct word A, B, C or D for each space.

When the sled dogs ¹ mistakes Buck protected them
² Spitz. One night Buck and Spitz ³ a
fight. Spitz ⁴ down on the snow and died. Buck was the
new ⁵ of the dog team.

The mail sled was very heavy because it carried mail for the gold .
⁶ The dogs became weak and ⁷ They
soon had two new masters called Hal and Charles.

⁸ men were stupid and ⁹ the poor dogs.
Thornton saved Buck but the other sled dogs disappeared
¹⁰ the ice. Buck loved Thornton very
¹¹ and saved his life.

Buck started ¹² the call of the wild and he often went
into the forest. One day he killed a big moose. When he returned to the
camp ¹³ friends were dead.

Buck then ¹⁴ friends with some wolves and became the
leader of the wolf ¹⁵

- | | | | |
|---------------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| 1. A did | B got | C made | D make |
| 2. A from | B by | C at | D of |
| 3. A were | B had | C made | D did |
| 4. A falling | B fall | C fallen | D fell |
| 5. A chief | B winner | C leader | D commander |
| 6. A persons | B people | C miners | D men |
| 7. A small | B thin | C narrow | D fat |
| 8. A These | B That | C Them | D They |
| 9. A whipping | B whips | C whip | D whipped |
| 10. A by | B under | C on | D in |
| 11. A much | B many | C lot | D lots |
| 12. A heard | B hearing | C hear | D hears |
| 13. A your | B its | C he | D his |
| 14. A made | B did | C make | D doing |
| 15. A team | B gang | C pack | D group |



Match the description to the character.

1. ☐ They knew nothing about the Northland.
2. ☐ He cut Buck's harness and saved his life.
3. ☐ She took care of Buck at Thornton's camp.
4. ☐ He was an American and he whipped the dogs.
5. ☐ He was a bad man and lived in Circle City.
6. ☐ He was Buck's friend in California.
7. ☐ His dog could pull seven hundred pounds.
8. ☐ He gave Thornton one thousand dollars.
9. ☐ He lived in Seattle and sold dogs.
10. ☐ He guided the sled from behind.
11. ☐ They were Thornton's friends.
12. ☐ He was the gardener's helper at Judge Miller's place.

- a. Hans and Pete
- b. the fat man with the red sweater
- c. Skeet
- d. Charles, Hal and Mercedes
- e. Manuel
- f. Hal
- g. François
- h. "Black" Burton
- i. O'Brien
- j. Matthewson
- k. John Thornton
- l. Judge Miller



Did you like *The Call Of The Wild*?

Read this letter.

Hi Leo,

Thanks for your last letter. How are you? I'm fine. I'm happy because there's no school now for two months. I need your help! I must read a book in English during the holidays. Do you have any ideas? Did you read any good books recently?

Hope to hear from you soon.

Love, Sara

Now write a short reply to Sara telling her about *The Call of the Wild* saying why you liked the book.

The first sentences of each paragraph are given to help you.

Dear Sara,

Thanks for your letter. Yesterday I finished reading "The Call of the Wild" by Jack London. It was very good. It was about a dog called Buck. At the start of the book Buck lives

When he arrives in northwest Canada he

Buck then meets John Thornton. He

I don't want to tell you the end, but I liked the book because

Speak to you soon.

Love, Leo

COMPREHENSION AND GRAMMAR

5 Put the words in order to make questions and then answer them.

a. did / sons? / with / What / do / Buck / Judge Miller's
.....

b. job? / What / Perrault's / was
.....

c. the / What / the / did / usually / evenings? / dogs /
in / eat
.....

d. did / sleep / Buck / in / How / snow? / the
.....

e. Why / attack / Yeehat / the / Buck / Indians? / did
.....

6 Read the sentences and circle the correct word/words.

a. Buck was born in **Canada/California**.

b. The fat man with the red sweater lived in San **Francisco/Seattle**.

c. The Narwhal arrived at **Dyea Beach/Dawson City**.

d. Hal, Charles and Mercedes came from **Canada/America**.

e. John Thornton met "Black" Burton at the **bank/saloon** in **Circle City/Skagway**.

f. Thornton and his friends wanted to find a gold mine in the
Mackenzie Mountains/Chilkoot Pass.

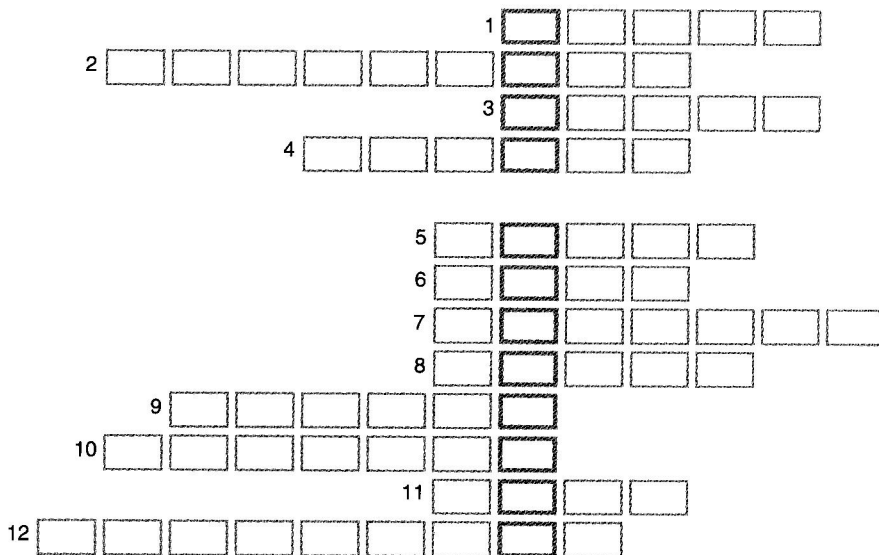
g. The Klondike is in **Alaska/Canada**.

VOCABULARY



Read each definition and write the correct word in the crossword below. At the end you will see the name of one of Buck's greatest friends in the column in bold.

1. An important public official. He decides how to punish criminals.
2. Members of your family that lived a long time ago.
3. Cruel, severe weather.
4. Cuts, injuries.
5. Take without permission.
6. The sound a pistol makes.
7. A messenger.
8. A big box made of wood.
9. Covered with ice.
10. The movement of the water.
11. A yellow metal.
12. Shouting, loud crying



The Call of the Wild

KEY TO THE ACTIVITIES AND EXIT TEST

KEY TO THE ACTIVITIES

A Note on the Author

Page 11 – exercise 1

- a. B – The librarian was his friend and teacher.
- b. B – He loved reading.
- c. A
- d. A
- e. B – He returned from the Klondike without any gold.
- f. B – He spent all of his money before he died.

CHAPTER ONE

BEFORE YOU READ

Page 14 – exercise 1A

- a. gorilla
- b. bear
- c. tiger
- d. moose
- e. deer
- f. lion

Page 14 – exercise 1B

Open answers.

Page 14 – exercise 2A

- a. He is a big, brown dog.
- b. He is sitting in front of the fire.
- c. He seems to be very happy.

Page 14 – exercise 2B

- a. The dog is in a crate.
- b. The men are looking at/laughing at/ frightening him.
- c. They have clubs in their hands.
- d. He seems to be sad.

The Southland

Page 19 – exercise 1

1. B 2. D 3. D 4. C 5. C 6. B

Page 20 – exercise 2A

- a. found b. swam c. got d. caught
e. woke up f. bit g. hurt h. threw
i. sat j. spent

Page 20 – exercise 2B

Open answers.

Page 21 - exercise 3

Name: Buck

Age: 4

Weight: 140 pounds

Place of birth: Santa Clara Valley

Address: Judge Miller's Place
Santa Clara Valley, California

Mother: Scottish Sheepdog

Father: a big St Bernard

Favorite sports: swimming and hunting



Signature

Page 21 - exercise 4

Open answers.

Page 21 - exercise 5

a. 2 b. 1 c. 3

CHAPTER TWO

BEFORE YOU READ

Page 22 - exercise 1

1. B 2. C 3. A 4. C 5. C

The Northland

Page 29 - exercise 1

- B - The saloon-keeper wrote a letter to the fat man.
- A
- A
- B - He was not honest.
- B - Spitz tried to take Buck's food.
- A
- B - Every day the weather became colder.
- A

Page 29 - exercise 2

- threw
- growled
- opened
- jumped
- hit
- understood
- was
- forgot

Page 30 - exercise 3A

- leash - The others are all means of transport.
- California - It is not a nationality/ an adjective.
- snow - The others are all parts of the body.
- gardener - This is not a member of the family.
- blood - This is not something you drink.

Page 30 - exercise 3B

Open answers.

CHAPTER THREE

BEFORE YOU READ

Page 31 - exercise 1A

Open answers.

Page 31 - exercise 1B

The most appropriate words are:
fighting, hate, violence, anger and
work.

Page 31 - exercise 1C

The title means that to survive in the
Northland you must fight.

The Law of Club and Fang**Page 38 - exercise 1**

- a. 4 b. 2 c. 7 d. 5 e. 8 f. 1
g. 6 h. 3

Page 38 - exercise 2

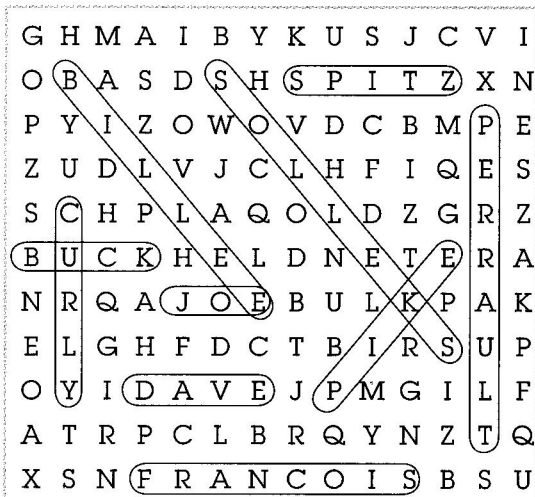
1. A 2. D 3. C 4. B 5. A 6. C
7. B 8. D

Page 39 - exercise 3

1. D - verb
2. F - preposition
3. E - verb
4. A - preposition
5. C - preposition
6. B - verb

Page 39 - exercise 4

- a. It is very cold.
- b. On the left there is the sled and the
two men beside the fire and there
is a tent behind them. On the right
there are the dogs in the snow.
- c. They are sleeping.
- d. They sleep in the tent.
- e. They are trying to keep warm./
They are cooking.
- f. They are wearing heavy coats.
- g. Open answer.
- h. Open answer.

Page 40 - exercise 5A**Page 40 - exercise 5B**

- a. Spitz
- b. Billee
- c. François
- d. Joe
- e. Curly
- f. Sol-leks
- g. Pike
- h. Perrault
- i. Dave
- j. Buck

THE KLONDIKE GOLD RUSH**Page 44 - exercise 1**

- a. A b. B c. A d. B e. B
f. A g. A

Page 44**Project on the Web**

- Readers will be able to find an
immense amount of information by
using one or more of the search
engines listed and by typing in the
keywords Yukon, Klondike gold rush,
or Klondike gold rush ghosts.

- Some examples of good website addresses for this project are as follows:

<http://www.dawsoncity.org/>
<http://www.yukonweb.com/>
<http://www.touryukon.com/>
<http://www.yukon.worldweb.com/>

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CHAPTER FOUR

The Attack

Page 51 – exercise 1

1. A 2. C 3. B 4. D 5. B 6. D
7. C 8. A

Page 52 – exercise 2

- What's the weather like in the Klondike?
- When did they arrive at Five Fingers?
- What did Buck do at night?/What did Buck do to go to sleep?
- Why did the men build a fire?
- How many shoes did Buck have?
- Where did the men and the dogs stop?

Page 53 – exercise 3A

angry – calm
warm – cold
comfortable – uncomfortable
dangerous – safe
exhausted – energetic
harsh – mild
hungry – full
primitive – civilized
thin – fat

Page 53 – exercise 3B

- Adjectives that describe Buck's life now: angry, cold, uncomfortable, dangerous, exhausted, harsh, hungry, primitive, thin.
- Adjectives that describe Buck's life in California: calm, warm, comfortable, safe, energetic, mild, full, civilized, fat.

Page 53 – exercise 4

- a. for b. at c. like d. at
e. like f. for

Page 54 – exercise 5A

- working
- French-Canadian
- the government
- documents
- weather
- about
- attacked
- terrible
- from
- feet
- made
- in

Page 55 – exercise 5B

Open answer.

CHAPTER FIVE

BEFORE YOU READ

Page 55 – exercise 1

- Dawson City
- heavy coats, hats, trousers, boots etc.
- five
- six
- the store
- the saloon

Page 55 – exercise 2

Open answers.

The Big Fight

Page 64 – exercise 1

- B – Dolly wanted to attack him.
- A

- c. A
- d. B – Some of the dogs were from the Southland.
- e. A
- f. A
- g. B – Buck led the pack.
- h. B – Buck was not afraid.
- i. A

Page 65 – exercise 2

1. C 2. B 3. C 4. B 5. B 6. D

Page 66 – exercise 3

Open answers.

Page 67 – exercise 4

WEBSITE ADDRESSES

- The following websites could be looked at to go into this issue further.

<http://www.animaland.org/> - *This is a particularly fun site for children by the ASPCA.*

<http://www.aspc.org>

<http://www.rspca.org.uk>

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CHAPTER SIX

BEFORE YOU READ

Page 69 – exercise 1

- a. B – He saw Buck's wounds.
- b. A
- c. B – He attacked Sol-leks.
- d. B – François went to get a heavy club.
- e. A
- f. B – It was 45 °F below zero.
- g. A

Page 69 – exercise 2

- a. The man is wearing a heavy winter coat with a fur collar, gloves and a hat.
- b. He has a whip in his hand.
- c. The most appropriate adjectives are: angry, cruel and sad.

The New Lead-Dog

Page 76 – exercise 1

- a. 2 b. 4 c. 6 d. 3 e. 1 f. 7 g. 5

Page 76 – exercise 2

1. B 2. A 3. B 4. B 5. C 6. A
7. D 8. B 9. C 10. A

Page 77 – exercise 3

Possible answers:

- a. It is unlikely that Buck can continue to pull the sled.
- b. He desperately needs rest, food and water.
- c/d. Open answers.

CHAPTER SEVEN

BEFORE YOU READ

Page 77 – exercise 1

- a. It is spring.
- b. Although not freezing, it is unlikely that the water is very warm.
- c. Buck is swimming in the water.
- d. He is holding onto a rock.
- e. He has a rope in his hand.
- f. They are running because they are trying to rescue the man in the river.

Page 77 – exercise 2

Open answers.

For the Love of a Man

Page 86 – exercise 1

1. D 2. B 3. A 4. C 5. A 6. B
7. C 8. D 9. B 10. C

Page 88 – exercise 2A

1. dog 2. is 3. boat 4. bank
5. fell 6. jumped 7. tail 8. rope

Page 88 – exercise 2B

Open answer.

Page 89 – exercise 3

- a. swarm b. litter c. pack d. flock
e. herd f. school g. flock h. litter
i. school j. herd

WOLVES

Page 92 – exercise 1

- a. B – They live in packs.
b. A
c. A
d. B – They never change partners.
e. A
f. B – They bark to tell the pack of
danger or when they attack an
enemy.
g. A
h. B – They love water.

Page 92 – exercise 2

Open answers.

CHAPTER EIGHT

BEFORE YOU READ

Page 93 – exercise 1

- a. It is cold, there is snow on the
ground.
b. They are in a town.
c. They are watching the dog.
d. Buck is pulling the sled.

- e. There are several sacks on the sled,
maybe containing gold.
f. The correct answer is for a bet.
However, readers are unlikely to
think of this. A probable
alternative could be for work.
g. Readers should try and imagine
how heavy the sled is and by
looking at Buck's expression he
seems to be very tired.

The Winner

Page 101 – exercise 1

- a. B – They wanted to look for the
gold mine in the east.
b. A
c. B – John Thornton said Buck could
pull a thousand pounds.
d. A
e. B – Jim O'Brien lent John Thornton
\$1,000.
f. A
g. B – They didn't find the mine but
they did find gold in a stream.
h. B – They put the gold in big bags.
i. A
j. A

Page 101 – exercise 2

1. C 2. D 3. C 4. B 5. A

Page 103 – exercise 3

Open answers.

CHAPTER NINE

BEFORE YOU READ

Page 103 – exercise 1

- a. Buck is in a forest.
b. It is night.
c. He is running.
d. A pack of wolves is following him.
e. He seems to be happy.

Page 103 - exercise 2

- a. B - Many moose came to the valley.
b. A
c. B - The moose was six feet tall.
d. A
e. A
f. B - Buck killed the moose on the fourth day.

The Call of the Wild

Page 110 - exercise 1

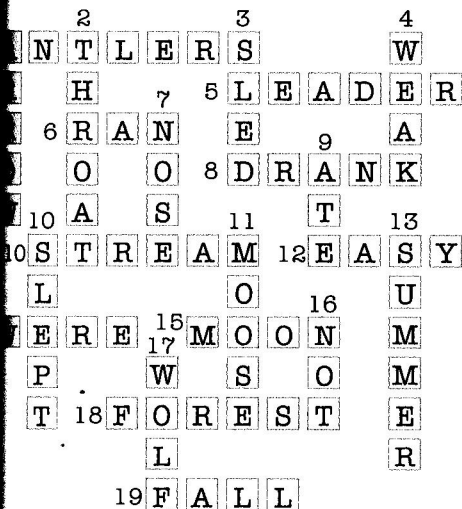
1. C 2. C 3. C 4. B 5. B

Page 111 - exercise 2

1. afraid 2. ghost dog 3. brown
4. fangs 5. wolf 6. stars 7. follow
8. leader 9. gold 10. valley

Page 112 - exercise 3

- * 13 - spring is also acceptable.



Tapescript for listening activities

Page 65 - exercise 2

Journalist: Hello! I want to write an article about couriers in the Yukon Territory. What does a courier do?

Perrault: Well, I take important government papers and documents from Dyea to Dawson City.

Journalist: What time do you start traveling in the morning?

Perrault: I wake up at six o'clock, harness the dogs and start traveling at half past six.

Journalist: Is it very cold in the Yukon Territory?

Perrault: Oh, yes! The temperature is about 50 degrees Fahrenheit below zero.

Journalist: Do you stop to have lunch?

Perrault: No, we don't have time.

Journalist: When do you stop to eat and rest?

Perrault: We stop at seven o'clock in the evening.

Journalist: What do you eat?

Perrault: François and I eat bread and fish. The dogs eat only fish.

Journalist: When did you leave Dyea?

Perrault: We left on Thursday, December 6.

Journalist: When did you arrive in Dawson City?

Perrault: We arrived on Sunday, December 30.

Journalist: Do you like your job?

Perrault: Yes, it's very exciting.

Page 111 – exercise 2

Policeman: Why are you afraid of the valley?

Yeehat Indian: We are afraid of that valley because a Ghost Dog lives there.

Policeman: A Ghost Dog?

Yeehat Indian: Yes, a big, brown dog with long white fangs. He is bigger than a wolf. He growls at people. In the summer he sits near a yellow stream and looks at the water. Sometimes he cries. At night he looks at the stars and howls.

Policeman: Is he always alone?

Yeehat Indian: No. He is the leader of a wolf pack. He runs in the valley and the wolves follow him.

Policeman: Is there any gold in the yellow stream?

Yeehat Indian: Yes, there is lots of gold. But everyone is afraid to enter the valley.

Policeman: Do you hunt the moose in the valley?

Yeehat Indian: No, never! The Ghost Dog is very dangerous.

KEY TO THE EXIT TEST

1

a. B – Judge Miller's Place was in California. b. A c. B – Manuel sold Buck to another man. d. A e. A f. B – Spitz was Buck's enemy. g. B – There were nine dogs in the harness. h. A i. A j. A k. B – François made little shoes for Buck. l. A

2

1. C 2. A 3. B 4. D 5. C 6. C
7. B 8. A 9. D 10. B 11. A
12. B 13. D 14. A 15. C

3

1. d 2. k 3. c 4. f 5. h 6. l 7. j
8. i 9. b 10. g 11. a 12. e

4

Open answers.

5

- a. What did Buck do with Judge Miller's sons?
- He hunted and swam with them.
- b. What was Perrault's job?
- He was a government courier.
- c. What did the dogs usually eat in the evenings?
- They usually ate fish.
- d. How did Buck sleep in the snow?
- He made a hole.
- e. Why did Buck attack the Yeehat Indians?
- Because they killed John Thornton.

6

- a. California
b. Seattle
c. Dyea Beach
d. America
e. saloon / Circle City
f. Mackenzie Mountains
g. Canada

1 J U D G E
 2 A N C E S T O R S
 3 H A R S H
 4 W O U N D S
 5 S T E A L
 6 S H O T
 7 C O U R I E R
 8 C R A T E
 9 F R O Z E N
 10 C U R R E N T
 11 G O L D
 12 S C R E A M I N G

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