



THE CALL OF THE WILD

level 3

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ACADEMY

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

A Meet the characters.



Buck



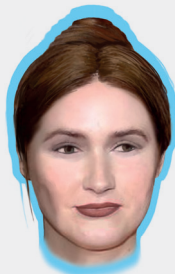
François



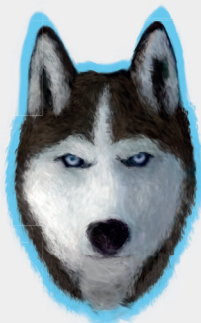
Perrault



Sol-leks



Mercedes



Spitz



Curly



Hal



John Thornton



Dave

B Write the words under the pictures, and then use them in the correct form to fill in the blanks.

shine

weak

sled

attack

frozen

husky

harness

club

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- 1 The man in the red coat hit Buck over and over again with a
- 2 Buck hated the because they killed Curly.
- 3 François, Perrault and the team dogs were by hungry huskies.
- 4 Men had found gold in the North.
- 5 Buck was surprised when François put a on him.
- 6 The men had to deliver letters and needed strong dogs to pull the
- 7 Dave was very, but he pulled the sled proudly.
- 8 In the Valley, the gold like yellow butter.

CHAPTER 1



Into the Wild



Buck was a big dog, he weighed 65 kilos and had long thick fur. Buck lived in a big **mansion**¹ in the sunny Santa Clara Valley with his owner Judge Miller and his children. Buck spent his time hunting with the Judge's sons. In the cool evenings, he would lay by the fire at the Judge's feet. Buck had lived in this great place since he was born four years ago and he was much loved.

It was 1897, not a good year for big dogs, although Buck did not know this. The newspapers were full of the news that gold had been found in the frozen North. Men from all around the world went to look for gold and they all needed big, strong dogs with thick fur to work in the cold.

This was good news for Manuel, the Judge's gardener. He lost his money on gambling and had nothing left for his family. Manuel

¹mansion: a very big house

²consciousness: being awake

took Buck to the College Park Station where he sold him to a man for a hundred dollars. The man tied a rope round Buck's neck and pulled it so tight that Buck lost **consciousness**². Then he threw Buck onto a train.

When Buck opened his eyes, he tried to attack the man, but the man pulled the rope so tightly that Buck couldn't move. He took Buck to a restaurant in San Francisco. With the help of a waiter, they took off his rope and put him in a **crate**³. His throat and tongue hurt a lot; he could not understand why the people did this to him. But he still had hope that the Judge would come and rescue him.

³**crate**: a box used for carrying animals

⁴**snarl**: to make a deep sound while showing the teeth

Morning came and Buck was put on another train. His eyes were red with anger. The train reached Seattle and he was taken to a high-walled garden. A huge man in a red coat came out, Buck growled through the bars of the crate. The man had an axe and broke open the crate. Buck was **snarling**⁴ and growling.



⁵club: a heavy stick

‘Come on, you red-eyed devil,’ said the man to Buck, taking up a club⁵ in his right hand.

He jumped at the man with anger. But before Buck could attack, the man hit him with the club, over and over again. He fell to the floor unconscious.

When Buck woke up, he did not have the strength to stand up. The man in the red coat was reading a note.

‘His name is Buck,’ read the huge man. ‘Well, Buck, my boy, we had a little fight, and now you know your place. Be a good dog and I won’t have to use my club again. Understand?’

He patted Buck’s head, and although Buck was very angry inside, he did not do anything.

Buck was beaten but he was not broken. He learnt that a man with a club was stronger than him.

One day, a man came to look at Buck. He spoke a little English.

‘He’s a nice dog. How much do you want for him?’ asked the man. His name was Perrault.

‘Three hundred dollars, Perrault,’ replied the man in red coat.

Perrault thought it was a good price for a dog like Buck.

Perrault took Buck and another dog, Curly, onto a ship. It was the last time Buck saw the man in red coat, also the last time he saw the warm Southland. They met another man on the ship called François; he was a French-Canadian. There were two other dogs: a big, white dog called Spitz, and another called Dave.

Buck noticed that the weather was getting colder. One morning, they stopped the ship engines and François took the dogs outside. Buck was very excited. He took the first step and felt something soft under his feet; it was all white. He stepped back,

growling. The white thing was also falling through the air and he shook himself to get rid of it. He licked some. It was cold, but then it was gone. The crew were laughing. This was Buck's first snow.



CHAPTER 1

COMPREHENSION CHECK

A Answer the questions below.

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| 1 Who was big and had white fur? | a <input type="radio"/> Judge Miller
b <input type="radio"/> Buck
c <input type="radio"/> Spitz |
| 2 Who lost all his money gambling? | a <input type="radio"/> Perrault
b <input type="radio"/> Judge Miller
c <input type="radio"/> Manuel |
| 3 Who was French-Canadian? | a <input type="radio"/> Perrault
b <input type="radio"/> François
c <input type="radio"/> Dave |
| 4 Who had thick fur and lived in a mansion? | a <input type="radio"/> Buck
b <input type="radio"/> Dave
c <input type="radio"/> Spitz |
| 5 Who was a gardener? | a <input type="radio"/> Perrault
b <input type="radio"/> Manuel
c <input type="radio"/> Judge Miller |
| 6 Who was hit with a club? | a <input type="radio"/> Curly
b <input type="radio"/> Spitz
c <input type="radio"/> Buck |
| 7 Who lived in the Santa Clara Valley mansion with his sons? | a <input type="radio"/> Judge Miller
b <input type="radio"/> Buck
c <input type="radio"/> Manuel |
| 8 Who was taken onto the ship with Buck? | a <input type="radio"/> Spitz
b <input type="radio"/> Curly
c <input type="radio"/> Dave |

VOCABULARY CHECK

A Match the words from the chapter with the correct definition.

1 attack

- a ☐ to try to hurt
- b ☐ to play with
- c ☐ to growl

2 frozen

- a ☐ hot and sunny
- b ☐ turned to ice
- c ☐ cold and windy

3 reach

- a ☐ to arrive at
- b ☐ to go past
- c ☐ to start from

4 unconscious

- a ☐ alive
- b ☐ in pain
- c ☐ not awake

5 anger

- a ☐ a strong feeling against someone who has behaved badly
- b ☐ a strong feeling of love for someone
- c ☐ a feeling of happiness

CHAPTER 4



The New Lead Dog



‘What did I say? Buck is a wild dog,’ said François when he discovered Spitz had disappeared and Buck was covered in blood.

‘That Spitz fought like a wild animal,’ said Perrault as he looked at the cuts and bites all over Buck.

‘And Buck fought like ten wolves,’ replied François. ‘Now it’s time to travel faster. No more Spitz, no more trouble.’

François harnessed the dogs and put Sol-leks in Spitz’s place. But Buck jumped at Sol-leks and took his place.

‘Look at Buck! He’s killed Spitz and now he wants to be the lead dog,’ cried François.

¹⁶**proudly:** in a way that shows you feel good about yourself

One day, Dave was so weak that he fell many times. The men harnessed Sol-leks in his place. When Dave saw Sol-leks in his place, he bit through Sol-leks' harness and stood waiting for the men to put him in his old place. The men were surprised by Dave's action. Finally, he was harnessed again and pulled the sled **proudly**¹⁶. They reached their camp and one of the men made a place for Dave by the fire. The next morning, he was even weaker. He tried to drag his feet towards the sled but he did not have the strength. The other dogs saw Dave in the snow. They started their journey without him. After a while, the dogs heard a gunshot. Buck and every dog in the team knew what had happened to Dave.





CHAPTER 5

COMPREHENSION CHECK

A Answer the questions below.

1 The men needed to deliver letters, so what did they do?

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2 How was the camp of the new owners?

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3 Why couldn't the dogs move the sled?

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4 Why did the people in the street laugh at the new owners?

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5 Why was John Thornton angry with Hal?

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6 What happened to Hal, Charles, and Mercedes?

.....

B Listen and write who said the sentences.



1 : 'We can't live without a tent.'

2 : 'You poor devil.'

3 : 'Lazy animals!'

4 : 'The ice is very thin here.'

5 : 'Oh, Hal, you mustn't.'

6 : 'If you beat that dog again, I'll kill you.'

7 : 'This is the last bit. Then we will have a long rest.'

8 : 'It's my dog. Get out of my way.'

VOCABULARY CHECK

- A** Complete the summary of Chapter 5 with one word for each blank.

Thirty days after leaving Dawson, the dogs were
1 tired. The men needed strong dogs to
deliver the letters, so they sold the old ones. New owners
took them to their 2 camp. They were
new to the North and did not know how to do things
3 The new owners beat the dogs and
there were 4 all over their bodies.
When they arrived at John Thornton's camp, they were
5 Thornton told them not to cross the
river, but they did not listen. Buck stayed with Thornton who
patted his head 6 They watched the sled as
it disappeared under the ice.

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|---|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | a quickly | b extremely | c suddenly |
| 2 | a messy | b small | c snowy |
| 3 | a well | b nicely | c properly |
| 4 | a bruises | b scratches | c bites |
| 5 | a happy | b miserable | c excited |
| 6 | a angrily | b roughly | c gently |

GENERAL EXERCISES

COMPREHENSION CHECK

A Choose the correct option.

- 1 Who did Buck go hunting with?
 - a ☐ Judge
 - b ☐ Judge's sons
 - c ☐ Manuel
- 2 For whom did Buck feel love for the first time?
 - a ☐ François
 - b ☐ Sol-leks
 - c ☐ John Thornton
- 3 Who did Buck kill in a fight?
 - a ☐ Spitz
 - b ☐ Dave
 - c ☐ Curly
4. Who cried when their clothes were thrown away?
 - a ☐ Hal
 - b ☐ Mercedes
 - c ☐ Charles
- 5 Who were the dogs that were killed by the Yeehats?
 - a ☐ Curly and Dave
 - b ☐ Nig and Skeet
 - c ☐ Teek and Kona
- 6 Who was blind in one eye?
 - a ☐ Dave
 - b ☐ Pike
 - c ☐ Sol-leks
- 7 Who pulled Buck and John Thornton out of the river?
 - a ☐ Hal and Pete
 - b ☐ Pete and Hans
 - c ☐ Charles and Mercedes
- 8 Who paid \$300 for Buck?
 - a ☐ François
 - b ☐ Perrault
 - c ☐ Hal

B Write the words under the correct pictures.

tidy

horse-cart

pack

basket

silver

tent

ribbon

club

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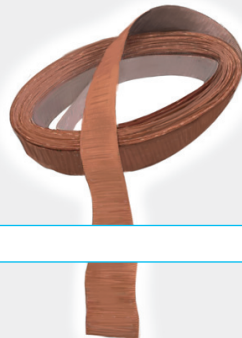
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GLOSSARY

bruise: (noun) a dark area on your skin where you have been hurt

- *He had bruises all over his body after he fell from the tree.*

chase: (verb) to run after someone or something to catch them

- *The dog chased the rabbit for hours but couldn't catch it.*

chest: (noun) the front part of the body, between the neck and waist

- *She went to the doctor because of chest pains.*

completely: (adverb) in every way or as much as possible

- *He has changed completely, so I can't recognize him any more.*

courage: (noun) the ability to control your fear in a dangerous or difficult situation

- *She showed a great courage and saved the child from drowning.*

destiny: (noun) things that will happen to someone in the future

- *She thinks she can control her own destiny.*

dig: (verb) to make a hole by moving the soil

- *Our dog always digs a hole to hide bones.*

get rid of: (verb) to end something bad

- *I want to get rid of this terrible headache.*

growl: (verb) to make a long and low sound

- *From a distance, she heard a dog growling.*

harness: (noun) a piece of equipment used to control an animal

- *Trainers put harnesses on horses while working with them.*

haunt: (verb) to cause repeated anxiety and worry

- *His experiences in the prison camp continued to haunt him.*

layer: (noun) an amount of a substance covering a surface

- *There was a thin layer of oil on the surface of the water.*

messy: (adjective) untidy or dirty

- *His bedroom's always messy.*

moose: (noun) a type of large deer with large and flat horns

- *Moose live in the forest of North America, northern Europe and Asia.*

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OLIVER TWIST

Oliver Twist is a thin orphan who has to live in hard conditions. People treat him badly most of the time. He is blamed for things he did not do. He runs away from his miserable life to be happy, and wants to go to London. Oliver doesn't know that there is more pain as well as happiness in his future.

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