

Jungle Book Audition Monologues-

Please choose one or more of the character monologues. There are many more roles available, both human and animal. Pick the character type you would most want to play (Human, animal, villain, comedic, etc.) Prepare to audition without a script. Most roles are not gender specific. Think about the character, how they would move and how they would sound. If you are not playing a human then you need to BE the animal.

Bagheera: A black panther that helps teach and protect Mowgli. Strong, confident, serious. In this monologue Bagheera is mad at Mowgli for playing with the monkeys and almost getting killed by Shere Khan.

Now Mowgli I have tried to teach you the ways of the jungle and keep you safe from Shere Kahn but that does it! From now on, you are listening to what I say. Now, I am going to start walking to the village and you are going to follow me. Make no mistake about it, you are going home. You do not belong living in the jungle, you are a man cub and need to return to your own kind.

Baloo: A fun loving Bear that helps take care of Mowgli. Easy going and loves to eat and enjoy life. In this monologue Baloo meets Mogli and is trying to get Mowgli to go have fun instead of going to his lessons.

Oh, Bagheera? I know him! Sure. You know what his problem is? He always plays by the rules - and sometimes rules were meant to be... well, not necessarily broken, but certainly bent - don't you think? Instead of lessons with Bagheera, why don't I teach you how to fight like a bear. Then we could go find some honey and relax along the river (Baloo starts to "Play fight") Old Baloo is gonna learn you to fight like a bear. Grrr. [He starts to dance around and Mowgli too, mimicking Baloo's moves] Ha-ha. Yeah! All right now kid, loosen up, get real loose, then start to weave, weave a little, now move, that's it. Now give me a big bear growl, scare me! GRRRRRRRRRRR

Shanti: A villager. Kind and confident. She meets Mowgli for the first time.

Hello. My name is Shanti. I live in the village over the river. It's not a MAN village! There are women and little girls...and little boys just like you. Sometimes I sneak into the jungle to have an adventure. I

saw what happened...and how brave you were. How brave all of you were...I couldn't just sit there and not help out! Uh-oh. I'd better go.

Mowgli: Confident, playful, fearless

First monologue- being playful

Yeah, yeah. Baloo and Bagheera have told me. But the monkeys are fun! They love to play and never make me sit around for boring lessons. Besides, they look more like me than the wolves in my own pack!

Second monologue- being fierce

Hear me, people of the jungle! We are of one blood, you and I. You have nothing to fear. It is I, Mowgli the Little Frog.. Let the jungle listen to the things I have done. Shere Khan said he would kill Mowgli the Frog. (Holds up a dagger) Let him come! I am ready! I am Mowgli! Keeper of the Law and Guardian of the Jungle!

Shere Khan- Bengal tiger, Bold, proud fierce, villain

Hear the words of the great Lord Shere Khan! I have the right to rule this jungle. Am I not the strongest and most merciless? I, Shere Khan, fear nothing. NOTHING! Not even the mighty elephant. When the time is right I will make my move and... CONQUER!

Kaa- Anaconda, villain that tries to hypnotize Mowgli so Kaa can eat him

I am sssssick of monkeysssss. They tasssst funny. (A pause, but suddenly he straightens and gives a sneaky smile.) I ssssupposssse you might not taste like a monkey even though you look like them. Look into my eyessssss, you are getting sssssleeeepy, sssssso very sssssleeeepy. relaxssssssssss

Hathi- Leader of the Elephants: Comedic, acts like a military general, pompous

Patrol, Halt! Neaten that line up, soldiers! (Strutting down the line, critiquing soldiers) Fix that posture! Button that uniform! Tsk, tsk. What's wrong with you, soldiers! No talking in the ranks! (Sighs) These young elephants have no discipline! Back when I was a member of the patrol, we moved as one, our posture was ramrod straight and we had DISCIPLINE.....Forward march!

Kahlula King (or Queen): Fun loving but gets serious about getting fire

Everyone knows the monkey people are the wisest and the cleverest and the handsomest folk in the jungle. We are envied by everyone. What I want from you mancub, is the secret of fire to secure my place as King (or Queen) of the jungle. In exchange I will make you my prince and provide you with a lifetime supply of bananas and guava as well as fun and games. You can even wear my grass skirt and shell necklace. But NEVER my crown.

Mowgli's Mother: Kind, gentle, and is overjoyed when Mowgli is found

His eyes are the same color. And his nose and chin are the same as my husband's. Give me your hand, boy. No, the other one. (she turns it over to show the palm. She gasps.) He is my Nathoo! This scar on his hand. I remember the day he got it. He laid his hand on a hot kettle and was badly burned. And the tiger's tooth necklace is still around his neck.

Tabiqui the hyena- Sneaky

There's no use trying to impress a hyena such as I with your wolf howlings. The cry of a hyena is more than a match. (Throws back head and howls/wails.) There. What did I tell you? Don't I have a fine voice? Now where is the mancub? Shere Khan will reward me greatly if I bring him the mancub.

Nyra- Leader of the Wolf Pack- Proud, strong, fierce, loyal and fair

We recited the Law of the Jungle.

“This is the Law of the Jungle.....

“As old and as true as the sky.

“The Wolf that keeps it may prosper....

But the Wolf that breaks it will die”

Mother Wolf- Kind, proud, compassionate

We must care for this mancub as if it were one of our own. It is helpless and weak. We can not let Shere Khan take the mancub from our den for Shere Khan hunts man and that is against the laws of the jungle. Look at how helpless and soft the mancub is, and look at how our cubs have already accepted him. I will defend and fight for him as if he were my own.

Father Wolf- Kind, proud and head of the den

Go now Shere Khan and your pack of hyenas, leave our den or we will attack. (Shere Khan and hyenas exit) I do not know if we will regret allowing the mancub to live as one of us. We will protect him until he is older and then the pack will decide if he can run and hunt with wolves.