



# Raised by animals

There are a number of stories of children who are raised by animals. One of the earliest stories is about the twin brothers Romulus and Remus. They were the sons of the god Mars. When they were very young, they were left by the banks of the River Tiber. Luckily, they were found by a wolf. The wolf looked after them and fed them with her milk.

Later, a shepherd came across the boys. He took them home and brought them up as his own children. The boys grew up to be very strong and clever they decided to build a town in the place where the shepherd found them. Shortly after building the town the twins had a big argument. Romulus killed his brother Remus in the fight. Remus then became the first king of this town, which was named Rome, after him.

More recently, two young girls were discovered in the care of a wolf in 1920, in Godamuri, India. The girls (Kamala, 8, and Amala, aged 18 months) were taken to a children’s home but they didn’t like their new life there at all. They preferred to be with cats and dogs and they seemed to look up to animals, not people. They never got on with the other children and they sometimes bit and attacked them.

The girls slept during the day and were awake at night. They walked on their hands and feet and enjoyed raw meat. They had extremely good eyesight and hearing. The younger child, Amala, died one year later, but Kamala lived for nine years in the home. She picked up a small number of words but she remained very different from the other children.

## I COMPREHENSION ( 10 POINTS)

{BASE ALL YOUR ANSWER ON THE TEXT}

### A **Read the text and answer these questions. ( 3 pts)**

- How many examples of children raised by animals are mentioned?  
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- Where were Romulus and Remus left when they were very small?  
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- What did the boys do when they became adults?  
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- What was the result of the boys’ argument?  
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- How was the girls’ relationship with the other children?  
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- What special abilities did Kamala and Amala have?  
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### B **What do the underlined words in the text refer to? ( 1 pt)**

- He (paragraph 2) .....
- She (paragraph 4) .....

