

Reading Skills and Strategies Worksheet
The Call of the Wild

Chapters 1–3

Chapters 1–3: Tracking the Dog Characters

One way to follow events as you read is to keep track of the characters.

The dog characters in this chart appear in the first few chapters of *The Call of the Wild*. Complete the chart, using information from the novel. Quote from the story, if you wish, or use your own words. (In some cases, you may not have the information for all of the entries.)

Name	Appearance, breed, or key feature	Personality or trait	Typical action key phrase
Buck
Spitz
Dave
Curly
Billee
Joe
Sol-leks
Dub
Pike
Dolly

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VOCABULARY DEVELOPMENT: USING CONTEXT CLUES

Go back and read the **contexts** for the words *metamorphosed* (p. 8), *primordial* (p. 15), and *fastidiousness* (p. 23) to find clues to their meanings. Write a definition for each word, and then look in a dictionary to see if you got the meanings right.

PREDICTING WHAT'S NEXT

Now that Buck has adapted to his environment, what new challenges do you think he'll face?