

**The Call of the Wild** LITERARY ELEMENTS WORKSHEET

**Dialogue**

**Dialogue**, or conversation between characters, can help us better understand the characters' personalities.

**Think about the following story details and snatches of dialogue from *The Call of the Wild*. Then, write what you think each example reveals about the character or characters involved.**

- 1. *Story detail:* Buck is stolen from Judge Miller and sold.

*Dialogue:* "You might wrap up the goods before you deliver 'm," the stranger said gruffly, and Manuel doubled a piece of stout rope around Buck's neck under the collar.

"Twist it, an' you'll choke 'm plentee," said Manuel, and the stranger grunted a ready affirmative.

*This dialogue reveals that* .....

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- 2. *Story detail:* Buck and Spitz fight.

*Dialogue:* "One devil, dat Spitz," remarked Perrault. "Some dam' day heem keel dat Buck."

"Dat Buck two devils," was François's rejoinder. "All de tam I watch dat Buck I know for sure. Lissen: some dam fine day heem get mad lak hell an' den heem chew dat Spitz all up an' spit heem out on de snow. Sure. I know."

*This dialogue reveals that* .....

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- 3. *Story detail:* Hal, Charles, and Mercedes overload their dog sled.

*Dialogue:* "The lazy brutes, I'll show them," [Hal] cried, preparing to lash out at them with the whip.

But Mercedes interfered, crying, "Oh, Hal, you mustn't. . . . The poor dears! Now you must promise you won't be harsh with them for the rest of the trip, or I won't go a step."

*This dialogue reveals that* .....

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