

THE ONE AND ONLY IVAN: IVAN'S HOMES



Use the graphic organizer to describe each place Ivan lived. Write about what each place looked like and who was there, as well as Ivan's experiences and feelings in each place.

Sample Answers

Jungle	Mack's House
<p>About the jungle:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> was located in central Africa <p>Ivan's experience there:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> lived with his family lived in the wild was able to move around freely hunted for food learned skills for taking care of himself was named Mud played with his twin sister, Tag called it "a perfect life" 	<p>About Mack's house:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> was human-sized was owned by Mack and his wife, Helen <p>Ivan's experience there:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> was treated like a human wore diapers and drank from baby bottles slept in a bed ate human food, like popcorn and cake painted with icing broke things, like furniture went places in a car, like to the movies and restaurants
Big Top Mall	Zoo
<p>About the Big Top Mall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> was a circus-themed mall with a video arcade had a floor covered with sawdust had three glass walls around Ivan's domain had a jungle scene painted on a wall had a tire swing, TV, and dirty pool had a small hole in glass where Julia could give him art supplies <p>Ivan's experience there:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> was not free to move around lived in a small space he called his "domain" could see the parking lot, billboard, and sky from his domain had visitors watching him through glass lived with friends that were not gorillas (an elephant named Stella and a dog named Bob) realized that his life here was not the best life for a silverback 	<p>About the zoo:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> is a large space with an outdoor and indoor area has trees and grass <p>Ivan's experience there:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> is free to move around his area lives with other gorillas in a troop, but not his family has visitors watching him from far away has learned how to be a silverback and leader for his new troop can see Ruby in the elephant area

How did Ivan's experience of moving between these homes shape his attitude and identity?

Ivan's life began in the jungle, where he lived freely with his family. After the jungle, he was taken to Mack's house and the Big Top Mall, which were unnatural homes for Ivan. These homes shaped Ivan into a lonely silverback who accepted the confinement and dullness of his life rather than dreaming or hoping for something better. When Ivan relocated to the zoo, he finally felt a sense of freedom and was able to be the silverback he was meant to be.