



Tom and his friends

‘Tom! *Tom!* Where are you?’

No answer.

‘Where is that boy? When I find him, I’m going to . . .’

Aunt Polly looked under the bed. Then she opened the door and looked out into the garden.

‘*Tom!*’

She heard something behind her. A small boy ran past, but Aunt Polly put out her hand and stopped him.

‘Ah, there you are! And what’s that in your pocket?’

‘Nothing, Aunt Polly.’



Aunt Polly put out her hand and stopped him.

‘Nothing! It’s an apple! I can see it. Now listen, Tom. Those apples are not for you, and I—’

‘Oh, Aunt Polly! Quick – look behind you!’

So Aunt Polly looked, and Tom was out of the house in a second. She laughed quietly. ‘I never learn. I love that Tom, my dead sister’s child, but he isn’t an easy boy for an old lady. Well, it’s Saturday tomorrow and there’s no school, but it isn’t going to be a holiday for Tom. Oh no! He’s going to *work* tomorrow!’



Saturday was a beautiful day. It was summer and the sun was hot and there were flowers in all the gardens. It was a day for everybody to be happy.



Tom was the unhappiest boy in the village.

ACTIVITIES

Before Reading

1 Read the back cover and the story introduction on the first page of the book. What does Tom Sawyer like?

Tick one box each time.

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| 1 school | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 swimming | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 getting up in the morning | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 work | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 adventures | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

2 What is going to happen in the story? Can you guess?

Tick one box for each sentence.

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| 1 Tom and Huck see a ghost. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 Tom and Huck find a lot of money. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 Three men take some money from the graveyard. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 Injun Joe kills someone. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 Someone kills Injun Joe. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |