

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer

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Tom and His Friends

Preview Questions

1. Who is your best friend? Why are you best friends?
2. Are you ever angry with your parents?
3. Do your parents give you work that you don't want to do?

“**T**om!”
Nobody answered.

The old lady looked around the room. She could not see any little boys. She went to the door and looked into the garden.

“Tom!”

There was still no answer, but she heard a little noise. She turned around and saw Tom trying to escape. She **grabbed** his jacket. He had jam on his hands and face.

“I told you not to eat the jam!”

She was going to hit him.

“Look behind you, Auntie!” shouted Tom.

The old lady turned around, and Tom ran away.

Aunt Polly watched him go, and then she began to laugh.

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 "I don't like hitting him anyway," she said to herself.
 "But I wish he would be a good boy!"

Tom's little brother, Sid, was a good boy. He always did what his Auntie wanted. Tom and Sid went to live with their Aunt Polly and Cousin Mary when their mother died. Sid was such an honest boy that he sometimes got Tom into trouble by telling Aunt Polly what Tom did. Tom always punished Sid for that, but it didn't stop his little brother.

10 A new boy came to live in St. Petersburg, the little town where Tom lived. He was bigger than Tom, and he had new clothes. He even wore shoes. Tom only wore shoes on Sundays, when he had to go to church. The new boy was called Alfred Temple. The first time
 15 Tom saw him he fought with him.

"I can beat you," Tom said.

"No you can't!"

"I can!"

"You can't!"

20 "Can!"

"Can't!"

Tom beat Alfred and made him cry. Alfred's mother called Tom a bad boy.

The next day was Saturday. Tom liked Saturdays because there was no school. However, he did not like this Saturday. Aunt Polly said he had to paint the fence. He hated painting the fence. It was hard work. He wanted to play with his friends.

Jim came along, carrying a bucket. He had to get some water. Tom would rather get water than paint the fence. He offered Jim a **marble** if Jim would paint some of the fence.

Jim agreed to paint while Tom got the water, but Aunt Polly saw and stopped them. Jim went to get water, and Tom painted. It was a very long fence.

The next boy to come along was Ben. He was eating an apple, and Tom was hungry.

“Hello, Tom!”

Tom did not answer. He pretended to be busy painting.

“Hey, Tom, it’s a nice day. I’m going to the river for a swim. It’s too bad you have to work!”

“This is not work,” said Tom. “It’s fun. I like it!”

“Really?”

“Of course! You can go swimming every day, but you can’t paint the fence every day.”

Ben thought about it. He watched Tom. He stopped eating his apple. He was interested.

“Let me try, Tom.”

Tom thought about it.

5 “Aunt Polly won’t let anyone else do it. Jim wanted to paint, but she wouldn’t let him. It has to be done just right!”

“Come on, Tom, let me try! I’ll be careful.”

Tom shook his head.

10 “I’ll give you my apple if you let me try.”

At last, Tom agreed. He sat down and ate the apple while Ben painted the fence.

Other boys came along. They all wanted to do some painting. Billy Fisher gave Tom a **kite**. Johnny Miller
15 gave him a dead **rat** and a piece of **string**. When the fence was all painted, Tom also had twelve marbles, a piece of blue glass, a key, a piece of **chalk**, a **dog-collar**, a knife handle, and a **kitten** with one eye. The boys painted the fence three times, and Tom was rich!

20 Tom told Aunt Polly that the fence was painted. She was surprised and happy, so she gave him an apple. Then he went to play with his best friend, Joe Harper. They pretended to have a war, and Tom won.



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Tom and His Friends

I. Put the sentences in order from 1 (first) to 5 (last).

- _____ Tom tricked his friends into paying him to paint his own fence.
- _____ Tom got into a fight with Alfred Temple.
- _____ Sid broke a cup, but Tom got in trouble.
- _____ A servant threw water on Tom because she did not know he was outside the window.
- _____ Tom and his brother Sid went to live with Aunt Polly and Cousin Mary after their mother died.

II. Choose the best answer.

1. Why were Tom and Sid living with Aunt Polly?
 - a. Their parents did not want them.
 - b. Their mother had died.
 - c. Their mom had to work.
 - d. Aunt Polly always liked children.
2. Were Tom and Sid alike?
 - a. No, they lived in different places.
 - b. No, they were very different.
 - c. Yes, they both were often in trouble.
 - d. Yes, they both got into the jam.
3. Who painted the fence?

a. Aunt Polly	b. Jeff
c. Sid's friends	d. Tom's friends
4. Why did Tom get splashed with water?

a. He was outside on the fence.	b. He went into the water.
c. He was outside the window.	d. He went to swim in the river.

III. Write the correct word or phrase in each blank.

dog collar	grabbed	kite	marbles	jacket
fence	rat	string	chalk	forgive

1. Aunt Polly would always _____ Tom, no matter how bad he was.
2. _____ can be used in many different kinds of games. Boys love to play with them.
3. His _____ got caught on the fence and tore.
4. The _____ had a small tag with the dog's name and his owner's phone number.
5. A teacher uses _____ to write on the board.
6. The _____ was old and broken, so it really needed to be painted.
7. The little boy _____ the cup before it fell and broke.
8. A _____ can be a lot of fun to play with on a windy day.
9. The baker used _____ to tie the cake boxes together.
10. The _____ ran from the hole and went into the kitchen.

IV. Complete the summary by writing the correct word in each blank.

painting	Aunt	always	brother
Cousin	pretty	fought	clever

Tom was ¹_____ in trouble. He lived with his little ²_____ Sid and their ³_____ Polly and ⁴_____ Mary. Tom ⁵_____ with Alfred Temple and tricked some other boys into ⁶_____ the fence for him. He saw the ⁷_____ new girl in town and tried to show her how ⁸_____ he was.

Tom Meets Becky

I. Are these sentences correct? Write "T" for true and "F" for false.

1. ____ Tom liked Sundays more than Mondays.
2. ____ A new book cost twelve yellow tickets.
3. ____ Tom usually did his homework.
4. ____ Becky made Tom feel nervous.
5. ____ Aunt Polly pulled Tom's loose tooth.

II. Choose the best answer.

1. How did Tom get enough tickets for a new book?
 - a. He traded with his friends.
 - b. He stole them.
 - c. He made them at home.
 - d. He found them in the graveyard.
2. What happened to Tom when he sat next to Judge Thatcher?
 - a. The judge asked him a question.
 - b. He saw Huck Finn.
 - c. He waved at Becky.
 - d. The teacher saw that he had no shoes.
3. Why did Huck Finn want to go to the graveyard?
 - a. He wanted to fight the devil.
 - b. He said the devil was going there.
 - c. He wanted to see Becky.
 - d. He wanted to find his mother.
4. What did Tom do so he could sit by Becky?
 - a. He told a lie.
 - b. He started a fight.
 - c. He told the truth.
 - d. He just sat next to her.