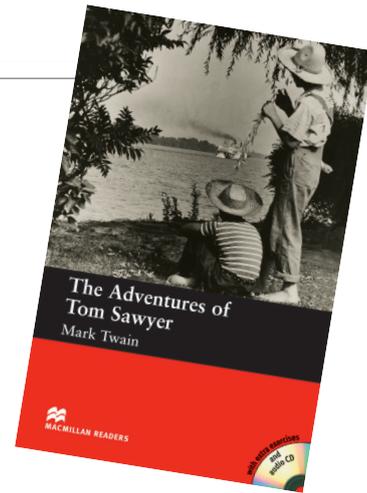


The Adventures of Tom Sawyer
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Chapter Five: Becky Thatcher

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Level: Beginner - pre-intermediate
Age: Teenagers / adults
Time needed: 10-20 minutes per activity



Activity 1

- On the board write the following:

<i>school</i>	<i>Tom Sawyer</i>	<i>kiss</i>
<i>girl</i>	<i>lunchtime</i>	<i>cry</i>
<i>Becky Thatcher</i>	<i>I love you!</i>	<i>run away</i>
- Put students in pairs or small groups and ask them to talk about what they think might happen in Chapter Five using the words as clues.
- Monitor and prompt when necessary, but don't comment on whether the ideas / predictions are right or wrong.
- Ask students to feed back their ideas.
- Play the recording and ask students to listen and see how close their ideas are to the real story.

Extension: Charades

Write the words from Activity 1 on slips of paper and then fold them up. Students volunteer to come to the front, then pick a word and act it out. The other students must guess what the word is. Divide the class into teams if you want to add an element of competition.

Activity 2

- Tell students you want them to listen to the recording again and then to write between three and five questions about the story.
- Play the recording (you might want students to make notes, or simply to listen).

- Put students in pairs and ask them to write their questions.
- Play the recording up to two more times (but make it clear to the students at the start that you will do this).
- Monitor in between playing the recording, and help students with their questions (in terms of form / grammar, not content).
- Have pairs swap their questions, read the questions they have been handed, and see how many they can answer.
- Play the recording one more time and have students answer the questions.
- Pair the pairs and get them to check and discuss the questions and answers.

Extension: Interviews

Have students record each other asking and answering questions about the story.

Transcript

Tom went into the school. He was very late. The teacher was angry.

The girl with yellow hair and blue eyes was in the room. Tom sat down next to her.

'I'm Tom Sawyer. What's your name?' he said.

'Becky Thatcher,' she replied. 'I'm Jeff Thatcher's cousin. My father is a judge. We have come to live in St Petersburg.'

Tom knew about Judge Thatcher. He was a very important man.

Tom wanted Becky to like him. He drew a picture of a house on a piece of paper.

'That's good,' said Becky. 'Now, draw a man.'

Tom drew a picture of a man in front of the house. The man was bigger than the house.

'That's very good, Tom,' said Becky. 'Now, draw me.'

Tom drew a picture of Becky. It was not very good.

'That's very good, Tom,' said Becky. 'I want to draw. Please, will you teach me?'

'I'll teach you at lunchtime,' said Tom. Then he wrote 'I love you' on the picture.

'You're a bad boy, Tom,' said Becky. And she smiled at him.

At lunchtime, Tom and Becky sat together. Tom was Becky's teacher. He drew a house. Then she drew a house. It was not a very good picture.

Soon, Tom was bored with drawing.

'Becky,' said Tom, 'let's get engaged. I say, "I love you", to you. Then you say, "I love you", to me. Then we kiss – and we're engaged. Then, one day, we will get married. Please, Becky! It's wonderful to get engaged.'

Tom smiled at Becky. 'I love you,' he said.

Becky did not speak for a minute. Then she spoke very quietly.

'I love you,' she said. She stood up quickly, 'But don't tell anybody, Tom.'

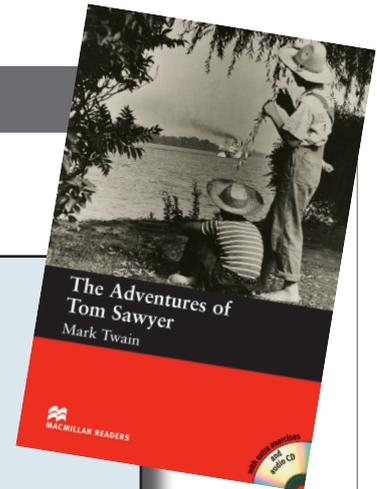
Tom stood up too. Then he kissed Becky.

'Now,' he said. 'We're engaged. And I can't marry anybody else. And you can't ever marry anybody else. And we must walk to school together always.'

'That's good,' said Becky.

'Yes, it is,' said Tom. 'Amy Lawrence and I—'

Tom stopped speaking. But it was too late!



Chapter Five: Becky Thatcher

Transcript

'Oh, Tom,' said Becky. 'Were you engaged to Amy Lawrence?' And she started to cry.

'Becky! Becky!' said Tom. 'I'm not engaged to her now. I don't like her now.'

Becky did not reply. She cried and cried.

'Becky, I'll give you my metal door-handle!' said Tom. He gave it to her. But Becky cried and cried.

Tom did not know what to do. At last, he ran out of the school. Becky cried for a few minutes longer. Then she stopped. Where was Tom? She ran to the door.

'Tom! Tom!' she shouted.

But Tom did not reply. Becky started to cry again.

