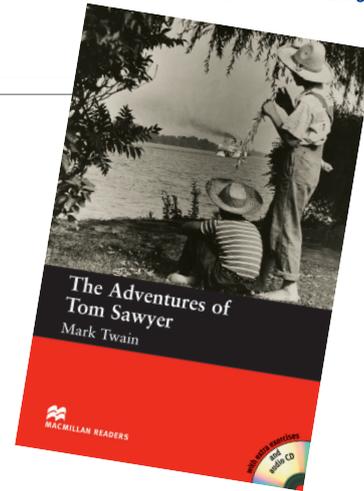


# The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain

## Chapter Eleven: Buried Treasure

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<b>Level:</b> Beginner – pre-intermediate
<b>Age:</b> Teenagers / adults
<b>Time needed:</b> 10–20 minutes per activity
<b>Preparation:</b> Word cards for Activity 2



### Activity 1

- 1 Write up the following list of events on the board:
  - a) *Tom and Huck heard a noise.*
  - b) *Injun Joe and a stranger left the house.*
  - c) *Tom and Huck lay down on the floor.*
  - d) *Tom told Huck he was frightened.*
  - e) *Injun Joe found an old box.*
  - f) *Tom and Huck put the shovels on the floor.*
  - g) *Injun Joe started digging with his knife.*
  - h) *Tom and Huck went to the Haunted House.*
  - i) *Injun Joe took some money from a bag.*
  - j) *Tom and Huck went up the stairs.*

- 2 Check students understand the vocabulary in the sentences.
- 3 Explain that you will play Chapter Eleven straight through. Students should listen and put the events in the order they occur.
- 4 Play the recording through once.
- 5 Put students in pairs and get them to check their answers together.
- 6 Play the recording again.
- 7 Check as a class.

**Note:** You might want to create a worksheet with the sentences and make a photocopy for each student.

**Answers:** h; f; j; a; c; i; g; e; b; d

### Extension: Anecdotes

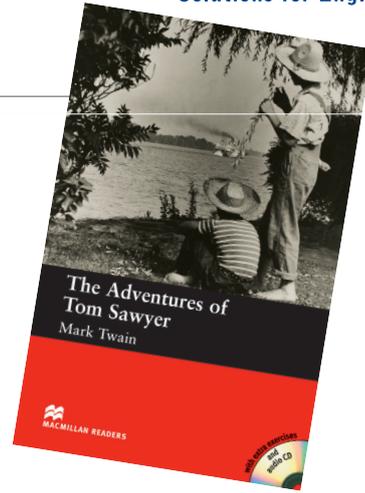
Ask students to think of a time when they were frightened. Put students in pairs or small groups and ask them to tell each other their stories.

### Activity 2

- 1 Write out a set of word cards containing key words from the chapter/listening.
- 2 Make enough copies so that each student has a card.
- 3 Cut out the cards and give one to each student.
- 4 Ask students to find someone with the same word as them (there are nine cards in total). It is useful for students to be able to work with a partner (or in groups of three).
- 5 Explain that you will play the recording. The students should listen for their word and then try and work out why it is important – what information do they hear surrounding their word?
- 6 Tell students you will play the recording two or three times.
- 7 Play the recording and give students time to talk with their partner about their word.
- 8 Play the recording again.
- 9 Ask students to link their word to a character in the story i.e. *shovel* – *Tom and Joe took shovels to the Haunted House.*
- 10 Ask a few students to tell the whole class about their word.

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Word cards

shovel	buried treasure
ghosts	picnic
Haunted House	upstairs
\$650	old box
revenge	

Extension: Pictionary

Put students in groups and explain they are going to play a word game. Each team will send someone up to you and you will show them a word. They return to their group and draw pictures to show the word (they mustn't speak or write). The other students try to guess the word. When they guess the word correctly another student from the group comes to you, tells you the word and is then shown the next word. They return to their group and repeat the procedure. The team that finishes drawing and guessing all the words first, wins.

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After Muff Potter's trial, everybody in St Petersburg talked about Tom. Judge Thatcher spoke to him.

'You are a fine young man, Tom,' he said.

And Becky smiled and said, 'Let's be friends again, Tom. It's my birthday on Saturday. I'm going to have a picnic at McDougal's Caves. All my friends are going to come. Will you come to the picnic?'

'Oh, yes,' said Tom. He was very happy.

The next day, Tom met Huck.

'We didn't find any buried treasure on Jackson's Island,' Tom said. 'I want to find some buried treasure. Will you come with me?'

'Where shall we look for it?' asked Huck.

'Let's look in the Haunted House,' said Tom.

They took two shovels, and they went to an old house near the town. All the boys in St Petersburg called it the Haunted House.

The house was empty. The windows were broken and there were holes in the roof. The garden was untidy and the fence was broken.

At first, the boys were afraid. They did not want to go into the house. But it was a bright sunny day.

'There are no ghosts in the daytime,' said Tom.

Tom and Huck went quietly through the broken door. They walked round the empty rooms.

'Let's go upstairs,' said Huck.

They put their shovels on the floor. Then they went up the broken stairs carefully. All the rooms upstairs were empty. The boys went back to the stairs. Suddenly, Tom heard a noise.

'Listen!' he said. 'There are ghosts downstairs!'

'Oh no!' said Huck. 'Let's run away!'

'We can't,' said Tom. 'The ghosts will see us! Come in here!'

The boys went into one of the upstairs rooms. There were many holes in the floor. Tom and Huck lay down on the floor. They looked through the holes. They could see the room below them.

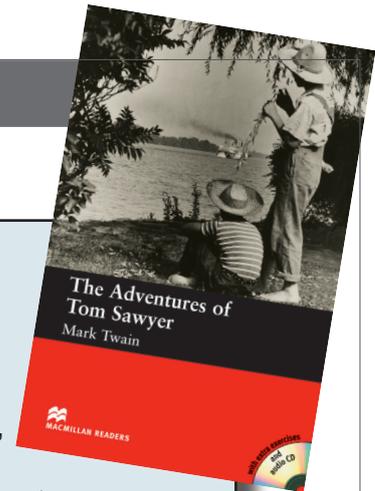
Two men came into the downstairs room.

One was a stranger. The other man was Injun Joe!

The two men were talking.

'I won't do it, Joe!' said the Stranger. 'The job is too dangerous.'

'It isn't dangerous!' said Injun Joe. 'We'll do the job soon. Then



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we'll go to Texas.'

'I want some of the money now,' said the Stranger.

'How much money is there?'

'Six hundred and fifty dollars,' replied Joe.

Six hundred and fifty dollars! Huck and Tom looked at each other. What a lot of money!

Injun Joe moved a stone in the floor and pulled out a bag. He took some dollars from the bag and he gave them to the Stranger.

'I'll bury the bag again,' Injun Joe said. 'I'll bury it in another place. Then nobody will find it.'

He started to dig in the floor with his knife. Suddenly, there was a noise. Injun Joe stopped digging. His knife had hit something.

Injun Joe saw the boy's shovels on the floor. 'Give me one of those shovels!' he said.

The Stranger gave Injun Joe one of the shovels. Injun Joe dug in the floor again. He used the shovel. Then he lifted an old box out of the hole. He opened the box and put his hand inside it. He took some gold coins from the box!

There was buried treasure in the Haunted House! Tom and Huck were very excited!

'There are thousands of dollars in this box,' said the Stranger. 'Somebody stole this money from a bank. They buried the money here. Now we don't have to do that job.'

'Oh yes, we do,' said Injun Joe. 'I don't want money. I want revenge. And I want your help. Go home. I'll come and find you soon.'

'What are we going to do with this money?' asked the Stranger. He pointed to the gold coins.

'I'll take the money to the other place,' replied Injun Joe. 'It isn't safe here. Those shovels are not ours. Somebody has been here. Let's go.'

The two men left the house.

'He's taken the treasure,' said Huck sadly. 'Where is he going to bury it now?'

'I don't know,' said Tom. 'But I don't want to follow them. I'm frightened.'

Tom was very worried. 'Huck,' he said. 'Revenge! Injun Joe wants revenge. He's going to get revenge on me! I spoke at the trial. Now he's going to punish me!'

