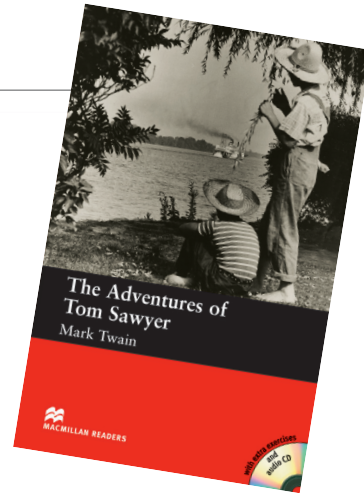


The Adventures of Tom Sawyer  
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Chapter Three: The Beetle

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<b>Level:</b> Beginner - pre-intermediate
<b>Age:</b> Teenagers / adults
<b>Time needed:</b> Approximately 10 minutes per activity
<b>Materials:</b> 1 set of Bingo card for each student



Activity 1

- 1 Give each student a 'Bingo card' (see below).
- 2 Explain that you will play part of Chapter Three. The students should listen and whenever they hear a word that is on their card they should cross it off.
- 3 If they manage to cross off all the words, they should put their hands up and say, *Bingo!*
- 4 Give students time to read the words on their card.
- 5 Play the recording up to, *But the minister did not laugh. He talked seriously, but nobody was listening. He finished his sermon quickly.*

Activity 2

- 1 Ask your students to sit back and relax.
- 2 Tell them you will play the rest of Chapter Three and all they need to do is listen.
- 3 Play the recording from, *Tom walked home from church happily*, until the end of the chapter.
- 4 Then put students in pairs and decide who is student A and who is student B.
- 5 Ask all the student As to start retelling the story they heard to their partner.
- 6 Explain that the student Bs should interrupt if they remember things differently or if they can add more details.

- 7 At the end play the recording again and ask the students to listen to see how much they had remembered.

**Note:** Don't check how well the students did, let them self-check when they are listening to the recording again. You will notice lots of things if you just watch the faces of your students.

Bingo cards

enjoyed	Sunday
left	nose
swimming	looked

cool	large
long	morning
small	next to

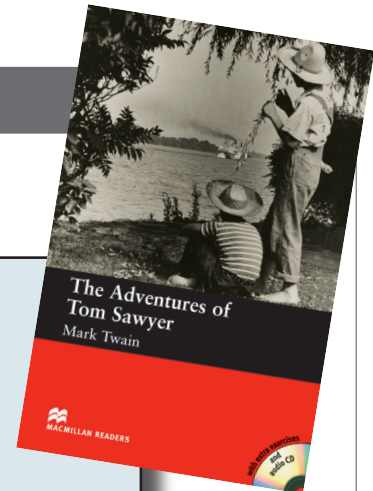
hot	right
pocket	seats
ran	ten

middle	loudly
church	sang
strong	play

small	quickly
sitting	listening
serious	interesting

walked	floor
rows	talked
laugh	bored

Transcript



It was Sunday morning. It was half past ten. Everybody in St Petersburg was in the church.

The church was a small, wooden building. Inside the church, there were rows of seats. There were rows of seats on the left-hand side of the church. There were rows of seats on the right-hand side. There was a space – the aisle – in the middle of the church. People walked along the aisle and sat in their seats.

The minister stood in front of the rows of seats. He was a very serious man. Every Sunday, the minister said very serious prayers. Every Sunday, the people sang hymns. Then every Sunday, the minister talked to the people. The minister's talk – his sermon – was always long and very serious.

The minister enjoyed his sermons. But many people did not enjoy them. Tom did not enjoy the sermons!

Today, Tom was sitting next to Aunt Polly. They were listening to the sermon. Tom was bored. He wanted to go swimming or fishing. He wanted to play with his friends. He was not enjoying the sermon.

Suddenly, Tom remembered his beetle. He had a small box in his pocket. In the box, there was a very large black beetle. Tom took the box out of his pocket and opened it. Then he took the beetle out of the box. The beetle was very strong. It opened his mouth and it bit one of Tom's fingers. Tom threw the beetle into the aisle.

The beetle lay on the floor. It was on its back and its legs were moving. The beetle was interesting. The minister's sermon was not interesting. So, many people looked at the beetle.

It was a very hot morning. But it was cool inside the church. A dog had come into the church. The dog wanted to be cool. It was lying at the back of the church.

The dog saw the beetle too. It walked along the aisle and looked closely at the beetle. The beetle bit the dog's nose.

YELP! The dog howled loudly. It ran round and round the church with the beetle on its nose. Somebody started to laugh. Another person started to laugh. Soon, everybody in the church was laughing. But the minister did not laugh. He talked seriously, but nobody was listening. He finished his sermon quickly.

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Tom walked home from church happily. Church was interesting sometimes! He smiled. 'I'll get another big beetle,' he said to himself.

Tom passed Jeff Thatcher's house. Jeff was the same age as Tom. But he was not Tom's friend. Jeff's father was a lawyer in St Petersburg.

Tom saw a girl in the garden of Jeff's house. He did not know her. She had yellow hair and blue eyes. She was beautiful!

Suddenly, Tom was in love! Last week, Tom had loved Amy Lawrence. Now, Tom forgot about Amy Lawrence. He loved the girl with yellow hair and blue eyes.

Tom looked at the girl. She looked at him.

Tom did some clever tricks.

He put his head and hands on the ground and lifted his legs into the air. Then he got up and put a wooden stick on his nose. He walked carefully in a circle and the stick did not fall from his nose.

The girl did not speak but she smiled at Tom. Then she went into the house.

Tom was very happy. He ran home and he thought about the girl with yellow hair all day.

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That night, Tom went back to Jeff Thatcher's house. He looked at the house for an hour but he did not see the girl.

Then Tom had an idea. He climbed over the fence and stood near a window. Tom wanted to shout at the girl but he did not know her name. So he made the noise of a cat. MI-AOW! MI-AOW!

Suddenly, somebody opened a window and threw some water over Tom's head. Then they closed the window again.

Tom quickly climbed back over the fence. He picked up a stone. Then he turned round and threw it at the window. CRASH! The glass broke. He ran home.

