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Tom and Huck

The next day was Sunday. Tom wore his clean Sunday clothes - he hated this! Tom, Sid and Mary always went to Sunday school on Sunday morning. But Tom was not a good student and never listened to the teacher.

After Sunday school Tom and his family went to **church**. This Sunday he had a big black beetle in his pocket. When the **Reverend** started speaking, Tom took the black **beetle** out of his **pocket**. He put it on the **floor**.

There was a little dog in the church. It saw the beetle and wanted to play with it. Suddenly the beetle bit the dog's nose. The little dog barked and everyone looked at it. It jumped and ran after the black beetle. It ran all about the church barking and making a lot of noise.

The people in the church laughed silently. Their faces were red. The Reverend continued talking but no one listened to him. Tom was happy because he had an interesting morning in church.

On Monday morning Tom did not want to get up.

"Get up immediately, Tom, and get ready for school!" Aunt Polly cried.

On his way to school Tom met his friend Huckleberry Finn. Huck's father drank whiskey all the time and did not work. Huck had no mother and no home. He lived in the streets and did not go to school. His clothes were old and dirty. He went fishing and swimming when he wanted. Huck was happy.

All the mothers of the village hated him because he was lazy and used bad language. All the children of the town liked him very much. They admired him.

"Hello, Huckleberry! What's that?"

"It's a dead cat," said Huck.

"What will we do with it?" asked Tom.

"I want to take it to the **graveyard** after midnight," Huck said, "A dead cat can call **ghosts** out of their **graves**."

"Really?" asked Tom.

"Well, old Mrs Hopkins told me. She's a **witch** and she knows about these things," said Huck.

"Can I come with you?" asked Tom.

"Of course! Or are you afraid of ghosts?" asked Huck.

"Afraid of ghosts! Of course not!" said Tom, "Come and call me at my **window** at eleven o'clock tonight."

Tom was late for school. The teacher was angry and said, "Thomas Sawyer! Why are you late again?"

Suddenly Tom saw a new girl in the classroom. She had blue eyes and long blonde hair. She was very beautiful. Tom looked at her. He was in love! There was a free **chair** next to her and Tom wanted to sit there. But how?

Tom thought quickly and said, "I stopped to talk to Huckleberry Finn."

The teacher was very angry. "You know you must never talk to that boy!" The teacher took his **stick** and hit Tom.

"Now go and sit with the girls!" said the teacher.

The children laughed at Tom. He sat down next to the new girl. He looked at her. Then he drew a picture of a house.

"Let me see it," she whispered.

Tom put the picture in front of her.

"It's nice. Draw a man," she said.

Tom drew a man near the house. It was a terrible picture, but the girl liked it.

"You draw beautifully. I can't draw," said the girl.

"I can teach you after school," said Tom.

"Oh, thank you!"

"What's your name?" Tom asked.

"Becky Thatcher. I know your name. It's Tom Sawyer."

That night Tom and Sid were in bed at half past nine. Sid was soon asleep but Tom was not. At eleven o'clock he heard Huck meow. He dressed quickly and went out of the bedroom window.

"Let's go!" whispered Huck. He had his dead cat. Tom and Huck walked down the dark **road**. They walked for about half an hour. The graveyard was on a **hill**. There were a lot of trees and a lot of graves; everything was dark and scary. The wind made strange noises and dark **clouds** covered the **moon**.

"Are the ghosts making these noises?" thought Tom. He was afraid but he said nothing.

"Now let's find the grave of Hoss Williams," said Huck.

They soon found the grave.

"Here it is. He died last week," said Huck.

"Do you think Hoss Williams can hear us?" asked Tom.

"Well, I think his ghost can hear us," said Huck.

"Then let's call him Mr Williams," said Tom.

"Alright," said Huck, "But everybody called him Hoss."

"Sh!"

"What is it, Tom?" asked Huck.

"Do you hear the noise? Look over there, Huck! Oh, no!" said Tom.

Answer the following statements true or false.

Sid and Mary are Tom's cousins.

☐ True ☐ False

Tom went to Sunday school.

☐ True ☐ False

Tom was a good student.

☐ True ☐ False

Tom put a dead cat on the floor.

☐ True ☐ False

The dog was running around the church barking.

☐ True ☐ False

Huck lived with his mother on a boat.

☐ True ☐ False

Huck wanted to take the dead cat to the graveyard at midnight.

☐ True ☐ False

Tom liked Becky Thatcher.

☐ True ☐ False

Tom and Sid were at bed at half past eight.

☐ True ☐ False

The graveyard was behind a hill.

☐ True ☐ False

Huck wanted to find Hoss William's grave.

☐ True ☐ False

Hoss Williams died a month before.

☐ True ☐ False

What do you think is making the noise? What do you think Tom saw?

Use the text to help you find the words to solve this picture crossword puzzle.

