



Tom Sawyer

by Mark Twain

artistry	spretnost	in the nick of time	zadnji hip
be lodged	biti privezan	kooky	prismojen
bowie knife	lovski nož	lantern	laterna (svetilka)
bullseye	center tarče	lure	zvabiti
catch sb red-handed	ujeti pri dejanju	lynch	linčati
catfish	som	maid	dekla
chitlins (chitterlings)	svinjska čревa (vampi)	marvel	čudo
chores	dolžnosti, opravila	paddle steamer	parnik
cry-baby	jokica	raggedy	ponošen
dare sb	izzvati	reckon	misliti
Fiancée (fiancé)	zaročenka (zaročenec)	sheriff	šerif
firewater	žganje	slit	prerezati
full of beans	zelo vesel	stay hush	ostati tiho
gang of menfolk	skupina moških	top it off	Za povrh
good-for-nothing	nebodigatreba	vicious	hudoben
graveyard	pokopaliče	walk the plank	poslati v smrt (pirati)
hack	sekatи	whitewash	pobeliti
hangman's rope	vrv na vislicah	work odd hours	neredne ure
hope perishes	upanje umre	Yankee	Američan

1. Rewrite the sentences by correcting the mistakes.

I gotta dead cat.	He don't march no more.	I wish I knowed
How he knew we was there?	What we gonna do?	I can't read no writin'

2. What does **ain't** stand for. Tick off the correct answers.

'm not
aren't
can't

doesn't
don't
hasn't

haven't
isn't
won't

3. Translate the words and match them with their explanations.

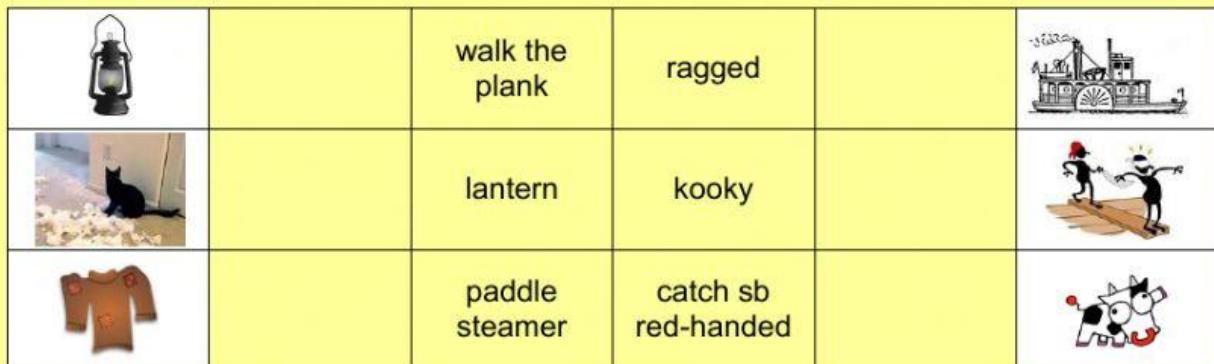
Slovene	English			Definitions
	hack	►	◀	to think something or have an opinion about something
	graveyard	►	◀	a large heavy knife with a long blade, used in hunting
	bowie knife	►	◀	to cut somebody/something with rough, heavy blows
	reckon	►	◀	an area of land, often near a church, where people are buried



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4. Drag and drop. Match the expressions with the pictures.



5. What do these expressions mean?

straight in the bullseye	in the pupil of a bull's or cow's eye	stare directly at oneself in the mirror	in the centre of a target
work odd hours	work half-time	work overtime	work at different or unusual times
be full of beans	be very happy	having eaten too much	having problems with digestion

6. Word search. Write the words with their translations on the lines.

Phrases don't always stand in one line.

C	A	T	F	I	S	H	V	N	G
H	O	O	I	N	L	F	I	O	O
I	R	P	R	T	E	I	C	T	O
T	E	I	E	H	V	A	I	H	D
L	C	T	W	E	R	N	O	I	F
I	K	O	A	N	A	C	U	N	O
N	O	F	T	I	M	E	S	G	R
S	N	F	E	C	R	E	O	D	D
H	O	U	R	K	L	U	R	E	A
Y	A	N	K	E	E	R	O	H	C

7. Write a short summary of the play in 15 sentences. Use your lovely little notebooks.





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8. Who are the main characters? What are they like? Describe them with 10 adjectives.

Name	Appearance	Character

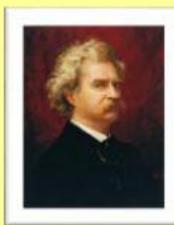
9. What is their language like? Describe it.



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10. Read a short paragraph about Mark Twain



a. Mark the sentences by T, F or NIT.

Samuel Langhorne Clemens was born in 1835 in a small town in Missouri. He lived together with his sister and two brothers. In his books, he often describes his childhood and his adventures in his hometown and its surroundings. His father died when he was only eleven years old, so he quit school and started working as an apprentice in a printing workshop to help support the family. At the age of 21, he started training as a steamboat pilot, his childhood dream. When the civil war started he started writing for the newspapers.

At that time, he took on the pen name Mark Twain which comes from the expression used on steamboats to signal that the water was 12 feet deep which is a little more than 3.5 m deep. Since he was a witty writer, he was quite popular, so even though he had some financial problems because of his need for adventure, he was able to pay his debts by giving lectures, teaching and writing. He got married in 1870 and had three daughters and one son. He died of a heart attack in 1910.

As a person, he was quite liberal for that time and he supported the abolition of slavery and the women's rights. Two of his most famous books are *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* and *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*. When exploring the background of his books, we often come across places and people that really lived there at that time.

(Adapted from https://www.ducksters.com/biography/authors/mark_twain.php)

	Samuel Langhorne Clemens lived in Missouri.
	The name of the country originates from the Native American Sioux tribe called the Missouris.
	He had an easy and adventurous childhood.
	At the age of 21 he had already worked for ten years.
	He joined the Confederation Militia during the civil war.
	He wrote under a pen name.
	He chose his pen name because he was familiar with the steamboat expressions.
	His books weren't very successful at the beginning.
	He earned his money by giving lectures, teaching and writing.
	There are a lot of autobiographical elements in his books.
	He had four children.
	They are also described in his books.

b. Some of his famous quotes:

- The secret of getting ahead is getting started.
- It is better to keep your mouth closed and let people think you're a fool than to open it and remove all doubt.
- Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see.
- God created war so that Americans would learn geography.
- Whenever you find yourself on the side of majority, it is time to pause and reflect.
- The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why.

c. Which one is your favourite? Explain why. Write into your notebook in at least 10 sentences.

