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In adapting this classic, we have tried to maintain the 'flavor' of the original as much as possible, therefore, we have added a special section entitled, "Slang of the Day." This will aid the reader in understanding some of the words that were commonly used in the South during the mid 1800's.

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## WORDS USED

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### KEY WORDS

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about  
but  
give  
she  
that

got  
had  
him  
his  
then

all  
children  
they  
when  
woman

again  
hand  
hear  
so  
who

came  
door  
pig  
some  
would

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### NECESSARY WORDS

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adventure  
meow  
rich  
robbers  
truth  
stretch

awful  
awfully  
blood  
candle  
cave  
clothes  
kitchen  
lot  
river  
rule  
slave  
witch

bedroom  
pretend  
really  
woods

bank  
dirty  
foot  
maybe  
rags  
stuff

body  
broke  
canoe  
island  
jail  
lock  
sell  
wife

## WORDS USED

Story 46

Story 47

Story 48

Story 49

Story 50

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### KEY WORDS

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one  
took  
very  
water  
wet

back  
boy  
just  
other  
way

bag  
bed  
girl  
letter  
uncle

as  
being  
feet  
road  
walked

better  
off  
put  
soon  
think

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### NECESSARY WORDS

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care  
fight  
float  
gun  
quiet  
raft  
steamboat

runaway  
rope  
sign

coffin  
end  
plan  
real

cousin  
hug  
spirit  
sold  
townspeople

bullet  
danger  
dig  
doctor  
enough  
free  
rat  
snake  
spider  
steal

## Huck and the Widow Douglas

### PREPARATION

#### Key Words

about	(ə bout´)	having to do with <i>I am reading a book <u>about</u> rock and roll.</i>
but	(but)	on the other hand <i>I don't like milk <u>but</u> I'll drink it.</i>
give	(giv)	hand over, sometimes as a gift <i>Bob will <u>give</u> me some money for gas.</i>
she	(shē)	she is used instead of a female's name; her; the girl; the woman <i>Mary is on the phone. <u>She</u> wants to talk to you.</i>
that	(THat)	pointing out some person, thing or idea already talked about <i>I told you about <u>that</u> boy last night.</i>

# Huck and the Widow Douglas

## Necessary Words

<b>adventure</b>	(ad ven´chər)	something a person does that is fun and sometimes dangerous <i>My first trip by train was an <u>adventure</u>.</i>
<b>cried</b>	(krīd)	past tense of cry <i>The baby <u>cried</u> at the doctor's yesterday.</i>
<b>mainly</b>	(mān 1ē)	for the most part <i>That store sells <u>mainly</u> sport shoes.</i>
<b>meow</b>	(mēou´)	the sound made by a cat or kitten <i>I found my lost cat when I heard its <u>meow</u> in the tree.</i>
<b>rich</b>	(rich)	having much money or land <i>I will be <u>rich</u> if I find the buried treasure.</i>
<b>robbers</b>	(rob´ərs)	persons who rob or steal; thieves <i>The <u>robbers</u> took the man's car.</i>
<b>truth</b>	(trūth)	that which is true; not a lie <i>Mother told me that I should always tell the <u>truth</u>.</i>
<b>stretch</b>	(strech)	to say or think something is greater than it is; to go beyond the truth <i>When Joe said he caught a fish bigger than a whale, he was <u>stretching</u> the truth.</i>

## People

<b>Mark Twain</b>	is the man who wrote THE ADVENTURES OF HUCKLEBERRY FINN and THE ADVENTURES OF TOM SAWYER.
<b>Tom Sawyer</b>	is Huckleberry's good friend.
<b>Aunt Polly</b>	is Tom Sawyer's aunt and Aunt Sally's sister.
<b>Widow Douglas</b>	is the kind woman who takes Huckleberry into her home to care for him.
<b>Judge Thatcher</b>	is the judge who takes care of Huck's money.

## Things

<b>THE ADVENTURES OF TOM SAWYER</b>	is a book.
<b>Moses and the Bulrushes</b>	is a story from the Bible.

## Huck and the Widow Douglas



*Huck tries to be a good boy for the Widow.*

- Preview:**
1. Read the name of the story.
  2. Look at the picture.
  3. Read the sentence under the picture.
  4. Read the first two paragraphs of the story.
  5. Then answer the following question.

You learned from your preview that Huck thought that

- a. the Widow was a nice woman.
- b. the Widow was not very nice.
- c. the Widow was rich.
- d. the Widow would do his schoolwork.

*Turn to the Comprehension Check on page 10 for the right answer.*

**Now read the story.**

Read to find out why the Widow had cried.

# Huck and the Widow Douglas

Do you know me? I'm Huck Finn. I was in THE ADVENTURES OF TOM SAWYER. That book was made by Mark Twain. He told the truth, mainly. He did stretch some parts. That's nothing. I never heard of people who always told the truth. Well, now that I say that, Aunt Polly and the Widow do. They are in the book, too. The book is mainly the truth. It's made with some stretchers. But I said that before.

Now the book stops when Tom and I get rich. Judge Thatcher keeps the money for us. But he'll give us a little of it any time we want. The Widow said she'd give me a home. She said she'd help me do good with my schooling and such. She was pretty good herself and was nice as could be. I tried to be good.

The Widow liked to keep me in the house most times. A day came when I couldn't take much more. I ran away. I was glad I was rich now. But I was more glad running outside.

Tom Sawyer found me later on. He said he was getting up a game of robbers. He said he'd let me in on it. But I had to go back to the Widow. I went back.

The Widow cried. But she was happy. She gave me some food. But, I

didn't get to eat it right away. She said something soft-like over the food. She was always doing that.

She told me a good story. It was about Moses and the Bulrushes. Later, I heard Moses is not around any more. I don't like to know about dead people.

That night I heard a "me-ow! me-ow!" outside. I knew it was Tom Sawyer. It was time for the robber game!

# Huck and the Widow Douglas

## COMPREHENSION CHECK

Choose the best answer.

- |   |
|---|
| <p><b>Preview Answer:</b></p> <p>a. the Widow was a nice woman.</p> |
|---|
1. Huck liked
    - a. going to school.
    - b. to read books.
    - c. to play outside.
    - d. being good.
  2. The Widow Douglas and Aunt Polly
    - a. made up stories.
    - b. always told the truth.
    - c. never told the truth.
    - d. didn't talk much.
  3. In the book THE ADVENTURES OF TOM SAWYER, Huck and Tom
    - a. get old.
    - b. get sick.
    - c. get help.
    - d. get rich.
  4. Tom Sawyer is
    - a. Huck's good friend.
    - b. Huck's brother.
    - c. Huck's father.
    - d. Huck's uncle.
  5. Huck ran away because
    - a. the Widow did not like him.
    - b. his friend Tom had run away.
    - c. he wanted to be alone.
    - d. it was hard for him to be good all the time.
  6. Tom Sawyer talked Huck into
    - a. going back to the Widow's house.
    - b. staying out all night.
    - c. a game of tag.
    - d. being a good boy.
  7. When Huck went back to the Widow, why was she crying?
    - a. Huck didn't come home for dinner.
    - b. Huck didn't make his bed.
    - c. She was happy to see that Huck was okay.
    - d. She had soap in her eyes.
  8. Huck knew it was time for the robber game
    - a. when dinner was over.
    - b. when school was over.
    - c. when it got dark.
    - d. when he heard "me-ow! me-ow!" outside.
  9. Another name for this story could be
    - a. "Huck and the Robber Game."
    - b. "A New Home for Huck."
    - c. "Huck Gets Rich."
    - d. "Moses and the Bulrushes."
  10. This story is mainly about
    - a. Huck's new life with the Widow Douglas.
    - b. Huck's friend Tom Sawyer.
    - c. Tom and Huck getting rich.
    - d. a book by Mark Twain.

Check your answers with the key on page 67.

# Huck and the Widow Douglas

## VOCABULARY CHECK

about

but

give

she

that

### I. Sentences to Finish

Fill in the blank in each sentence with the correct key word from the box above.

- Tom will \_\_\_\_\_ milk to the little kitten.
- The boy got lost, \_\_\_\_\_ he didn't cry.
- I will give the girl some ice cream if \_\_\_\_\_ is good.
- Mother said \_\_\_\_\_ she will make some cookies.
- Ted will tell us \_\_\_\_\_ his pet rabbit.

### II. Crossword Puzzle

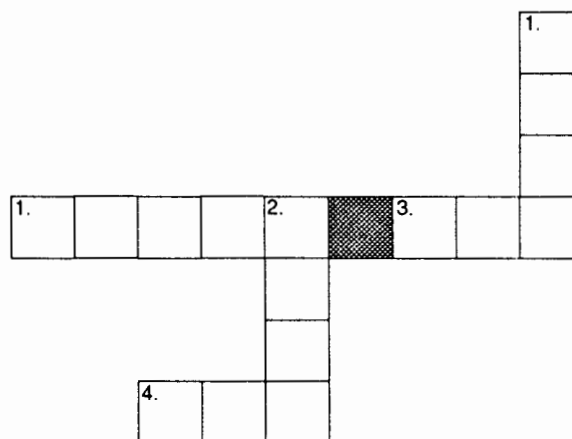
Use the words from the box above to fill in the puzzle. Use the meanings below to help you choose the right answer.

#### Across

- having to do with
- her; that girl; the woman
- on the other hand

#### Down

- hand over, sometimes as a gift
- pointing out something already talked about



Check your answers with the key on page 69.

## Jim and the Witches

### PREPARATION

#### Key Words

got	(got)	past tense of get <i>Mom <u>got</u> a new dress for her birthday.</i>
had	(had)	past tense of have <i>I <u>had</u> three cookies at lunch today.</i>
him	(him)	him is used instead of a male's name; that boy; that man <i>Joe wanted more cake. I gave <u>him</u> some more.</i>
his	(his)	belonging to a boy or a man <i>Danny brought <u>his</u> ball to the game.</i>
then	(Then)	1. at that time <i>The party was over and <u>then</u> we went home.</i> 2. soon afterwards <i>I opened the door and <u>then</u> the lights went out.</i>

# Jim and the Witches

## Necessary Words

<b>awful/awfully</b>	(ô´ fəl)	1. very large; great <i>Tim is <u>awfully</u> afraid of spiders.</i> 2. terrible <i>The smell of dead fish is <u>awful</u>.</i>
<b>blood</b>	(blud)	the liquid in the veins of animals with backbones <i>Father took some of the horse's <u>blood</u> for a test.</i>
<b>candle</b>	(kan´dl)	a stick of wax that is used to give light <i>When the lights went out, Mother lit a <u>candle</u>.</i>
<b>cave</b>	(kāv)	a hole under the ground or in the side of a mountain <i>The bear left its <u>cave</u> to find some food.</i>
<b>clothes</b>	(klōz)	cloth used to cover the body <i>I will need new <u>clothes</u> for the party.</i>
<b>kitchen</b>	(kich´ən)	a room where food is cooked <i>Mother was making cookies in the <u>kitchen</u>.</i>
<b>lot</b>	(lot)	many <i>There are a <u>lot</u> of cows on Mike's farm.</i>
<b>river</b>	(riv´ər)	a large stream of water that empties into another body of water <i>I took a ride down the <u>river</u> in my new boat.</i>
<b>rule</b>	(rül)	something that shows us the way to act or not to act <i>The <u>rule</u> at this house is to wipe your feet at the door.</i>
<b>slave</b>	(slāv)	long ago, a person who was owned by another person <i>Mr. Ward's <u>slave</u>, Joe, worked very hard and very long.</i>
<b>witch</b>	(wich)	a woman who is supposed to have magic powers <i>The ugly <u>witch</u> eats mice and spiders.</i>

## People

**Miss Watson** is the Widow's sister. She lives with the Widow and Huck.

## Slang of the Day

**sumf'n** something  
**warn't** weren't/were not

## Jim and the Witches



*"I know I heard sumf'n," said Jim.*

- Preview:**
1. Read the name of the story.
  2. Look at the picture.
  3. Read the sentence under the picture.
  4. Read the first paragraph of the story.
  5. Then answer the following question.

You learned from your preview that Jim went to the window

- a. to call Huck inside.
- b. to look at the flowers in the garden.
- c. to look at the moon.
- d. because he heard a noise.

*Turn to the Comprehension Check on page 16 for the right answer.*

**Now read the story.**

Read to find out where most of Tom's ideas came from.

# Jim and the Witches

I warn't asleep and I had my clothes on. I jumped out of bed and out the window. Tom and I went down to the garden. The garden was next to the kitchen. I made a noise. Miss Watson's big slave, Jim, was in the kitchen. He heard me. He got up and looked outside.

"I know I heard sumf'n," said Jim. He looked long and hard into the dark.

We waited for him to go back in. We waited for him to go to sleep. And in a little while, he did. Then, we got candles from the kitchen. Tom put a little money on the table. It was his thanks for the candles.

Later, Jim told everyone some witches had come in the night.

"The witches gave me money and got the candles," said Jim.

Jim's friends thought Jim told the truth. They looked up to him. Jim

began to act pretty big. Tom and I did not let on about the real story.

Three friends waited for us down next to the river. We got in a boat and took off fast. Tom knew where there was a cave. We went to it. In the cave, Tom lit a candle.

"Now we'll be robbers," said Tom. "The rule is you have to write your name down in blood. Writing your name in blood makes this not a game."

We thought the rule was great! On the wall of the cave, we wrote our names in blood. Tom gave us more rules. They were good rules, too. Tom said he got his rules from reading books. Tom is smart about an awful lot of things.

We talked a long time in the cave. Then the sun was coming up. We had to go home.

I got a good going over from old Miss Watson. My good clothes were not

clean now. She was going to do her best to make me very sorry for it. She did a good job, too.

# Jim and the Witches

## COMPREHENSION CHECK

Choose the best answer.

1. Why do you think that Huck was in bed with his clothes on?
- a. He was trying to keep warm.
  - b. He could not find his night clothes.
  - c. He wanted to be ready to sneak out and meet Tom.
  - d. He liked to sleep with his clothes on.
2. Miss Watson's big slave, Jim, was sitting in the
- a. bedroom.
  - b. T.V. room.
  - c. bathroom.
  - d. kitchen.
3. When Jim heard a noise outside, he
- a. got up and looked out the window.
  - b. lit a candle.
  - c. ran to his room.
  - d. looked out the door to see who was there.
4. When Jim went to sleep, Huck and Tom
- a. took some money from the kitchen table.
  - b. took candles from the kitchen.
  - c. took some food from the kitchen.
  - d. took off to play a game.
5. What was it that made Jim think that witches had come to the house?
- a. He found money on the table where the candles had been.
  - b. He found a note from the witches.
  - c. He found a witch's broom in the kitchen.
  - d. He knew that only witches steal candles.
6. First, Huck and Tom met their friends down by the river. Then, they took off in a boat. Next,
- a. they all played the robber game.
  - b. Tom lit a candle.
  - c. they all went to Tom's cave.
  - d. Tom told everyone the rules.
7. In the cave, all the boys
- a. put their names in blood on the cave wall.
  - b. lit their own candle.
  - c. let Tom read a story from his reading books.
  - d. made up all their own rules.
8. In the cave, the boys
- a. were getting hungry.
  - b. were getting tired.
  - c. talked for a long time.
  - d. fell asleep.
9. Another name for this story could be
- a. "Running Away From Home."
  - b. "Tom's Rules."
  - c. "Fun When the Sun Goes Down."
  - d. "The Secret Cave."
10. This story is mainly about
- a. how some boys have fun.
  - b. Tom's many rules.
  - c. stealing candles.
  - d. a secret cave.

### Preview Answer:

d. because he heard a noise.

Check your answers with the key on page 67.

# Jim and the Witches

## VOCABULARY CHECK

got

had

him

his

then

### I. Sentences to Finish

*Fill in the blank in each sentence with the correct key word from the box above.*

1. Jim \_\_\_\_\_ a new bike for his birthday.
2. We will eat first, \_\_\_\_\_ we can play outside.
3. Fred brought \_\_\_\_\_ dog to school.
4. After Sam ate the cookie, I gave \_\_\_\_\_ another.
5. I \_\_\_\_\_ to go to the store to get some milk for the baby.

### II. Making Sense of Sentences

*Put a check next to YES if the sentence makes sense. Put a check next to NO if the sentence does not make sense.*

- |   | YES   | NO    |
|---|-------|-------|
| 1. I <u>then</u> told the story and they waited for me to read. | _____ | _____ |
| 2. Jill told Nancy to bring <u>his</u> doll to school.          | _____ | _____ |
| 3. Kevin <u>got</u> lost on his way to the game.                | _____ | _____ |
| 4. Sally asked for a drink, so I gave <u>him</u> one.           | _____ | _____ |
| 5. If I <u>had</u> tried real hard, I would have won the race.  | _____ | _____ |

*Check your answers with the key on page 69.*

## Playing Robbers

### PREPARATION

#### Key Words

all	(ôl)	everyone; every person <i>We didn't leave school until <u>all</u> of us were in the car.</i>
children	(chil'drən)	young boys and girls <i>The <u>children</u> liked the clowns in the show.</i>
they	(THā)	persons, animals, things or ideas talked about <i>The children will have ice cream. <u>They</u> will each have one cone.</i>
when	(hwen)	at what time <i><u>When</u> will the train come in?</i>
woman	(wum'ən)	an adult female <i>I spoke to a <u>woman</u> at the bank today.</i>

# Playing Robbers

## *Necessary Words*

<b>bedroom</b>	(bed´rüm´)	a room to sleep in <i>Tom's <u>bedroom</u> is full of toy trains.</i>
<b>pretend</b>	(pri tend´)	make believe <i>Jack will be the king; I will <u>pretend</u> to be queen.</i>
<b>really</b>	(rē´lē)	truly; in fact <i>It was <u>really</u> raining hard today.</i>
<b>woods</b>	(wudz)	a large number of growing trees; a forest <i>We walked through the <u>woods</u> to pick some berries.</i>

## *People*

**Pap** is Huck's father.

## *Things*

**Don Quixote** is an adventure book about the hero, Don Quixote.

**Sunday School** is a place, usually in a church, where children learn about the Bible.

## *Slang of the Day*

**di'monds** diamonds

**saphead** being "un-cool"

## Playing Robbers



*Huck knew that the body found in the river could not be Pap's.  
He knew that Pap would show up at any time.*

- Preview:**
1. Read the name of the story.
  2. Look at the picture.
  3. Read the sentences under the picture.
  4. Read the first paragraph of the story.
  5. Then answer the following question.

You learned from your preview that Pap

- a. was a happy man.
- b. was an angry man.
- c. dressed like a woman.
- d. saw Huck every day.

*Turn to the Comprehension Check on page 22 for the right answer.*

**Now read the story.**

Read to find out who was waiting for Huck when he got home.

# Playing Robbers

Pap had not come into town for more than a year. That was fine with me. I didn't want to see Pap. He was always angry. He'd let me have it all the time. That's when he could catch me. Most times I'd take to the woods. The people from town said they found Pap dead in the river. Well . . . a man that looked like Pap. They said the man was on his back when they found him. Right away I knew it warn't Pap. Dead men are found face down in the river. Most likely, it was a woman. Most likely, the woman was dressed like a man. But I knew my Pap could show up any time. I wasn't happy about that.

Tom and us played robbers lots of times. Then I stopped. We all did. We didn't really rob people. It was all pretend. Tom Sawyer could pretend about anything.

A day came when we saw a lot of children. They were getting out of Sunday School. Tom said they were rich people. He said they had di'monds. We pretended we were robbers. We all made a lot of noise. We ran down to the children. Then, a Sunday School woman came out. She was angry. She stopped us fast!

Later I told Tom I didn't see any di'monds. He said I was a "sap head." He said I had to read a book. It was about a man, Don Quixote. Then he said I'd learn something.

Tom is really smart and I thought about all he said. But it came down to this. Don Quixote or no Don Quixote, Tom's "rich people" looked too much like children from a Sunday School for the likes of me.

When I got home, Pap was sitting in my bedroom. He was waiting for me.

# Playing Robbers

## COMPREHENSION CHECK

Choose the best answer.

1. Huck had not seen his pap for
  - a. three years.
  - b. two years.
  - c. more than a year.
  - d. ten days.
2. Huck and his friends played the robber game
  - a. all the time.
  - b. every day.
  - c. every Sunday.
  - d. many times.
3. The "robber game"
  - a. was just a game for "fun."
  - b. could send the boys to jail.
  - c. could make the boys rich.
  - d. never really scared anyone.
4. Tom said the children from Sunday School
  - a. were giving away di'monds.
  - b. liked to play the robber game, too.
  - c. made a lot of noise.
  - d. were rich people.
5. The Sunday School woman was angry with the boys
  - a. for scaring the children.
  - b. for not going to church.
  - c. for taking the di'monds.
  - d. for making so much noise.
6. Tom called Huck a "sap head" because Huck
  - a. had a funny-looking head.
  - b. never read any books.
  - c. didn't understand that the di'monds were supposed to be "make believe."
  - d. scared the children.
7. Because Tom was very "smart,"
  - a. the boys looked up to him.
  - b. they would all be rich someday.
  - c. he would find real di'monds one day.
  - d. he was not liked by the other children.
8. When Huck got home, he found his pap
  - a. sleeping.
  - b. eating.
  - c. reading.
  - d. waiting for him.
9. Another name for this story could be
  - a. "A Day at Church."
  - b. "Fun and Games."
  - c. "Sap Heads."
  - d. "Stealing Di'monds."
10. This story is mainly about
  - a. finding a dead man in the river.
  - b. an angry Sunday School woman.
  - c. Tom and Don Quixote.
  - d. some boys who like to "pretend" and have fun.

**Preview Answer:**

b. was an angry man.

Check your answers with the key on page 67.

# Playing Robbers

## VOCABULARY CHECK

all

children

they

when

woman

### I. Sentences to Finish

*Fill in the blank in each sentence with the correct key word from the box above.*

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ were happy to see Mother making cookies.
2. We \_\_\_\_\_ went home after the party.
3. John can go out to play \_\_\_\_\_ it stops raining.
4. The boys went home because \_\_\_\_\_ were hungry.
5. The old \_\_\_\_\_ next door gave the boys some pie.

### II. Matching

*Write the letter of the correct meaning from Column B next to the key word in Column A.*

#### Column A

- \_\_\_1. all
- \_\_\_2. children
- \_\_\_3. they
- \_\_\_4. when
- \_\_\_5. woman

#### Column B

- a. an adult female
- b. persons, animals, things or ideas talked about
- c. everyone; every person
- d. young boys and girls
- e. at what time

*Check your answers with the key on page 69.*