

The Characters



◀ Huckleberry Finn



Tom Sawyer ▶



Huck's father ▶



◀ Jim



The king ▶

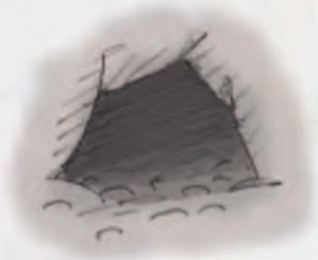


The duke ▶

BEFORE YOU READ

- 1 Match the words in the box to the pictures. Write the words in the spaces next to each picture.

woods cross footprint devil cave



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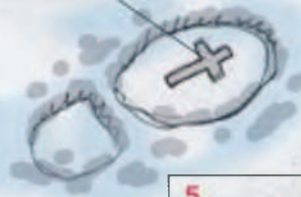


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- 2 Now match the words above to their definitions. Write the number of the picture next to the correct definition.

- A ☐ An area of land covered with trees.
B ☐ A religious symbol.
C ☐ A mark made by your foot if you step on a soft surface.
D ☐ An evil spirit some people believe in.
E ☐ A large opening in a rock.



CHAPTER ONE

Huck, Tom and Jim

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My name is **Huckleberry Finn** and I live in a small town on the Mississippi River called St Petersburg. My friend Tom Sawyer also lives there. We don't get bored often because we have lots of adventures and we like to think of new games to play together. He lives with his Aunt Polly and I live with the Widow ¹ Douglas and her sister, Miss Watson. I live with them because my mother is dead and nobody knows where my father is.

It's not easy to live in a house because I like being outside most of the time. Before I came to live with the widow and her sister, I didn't have a house, so nobody told me what to do. Now the two women always tell me what to do. Miss Watson often

1. Widow : she is called "Widow" because her husband is dead.

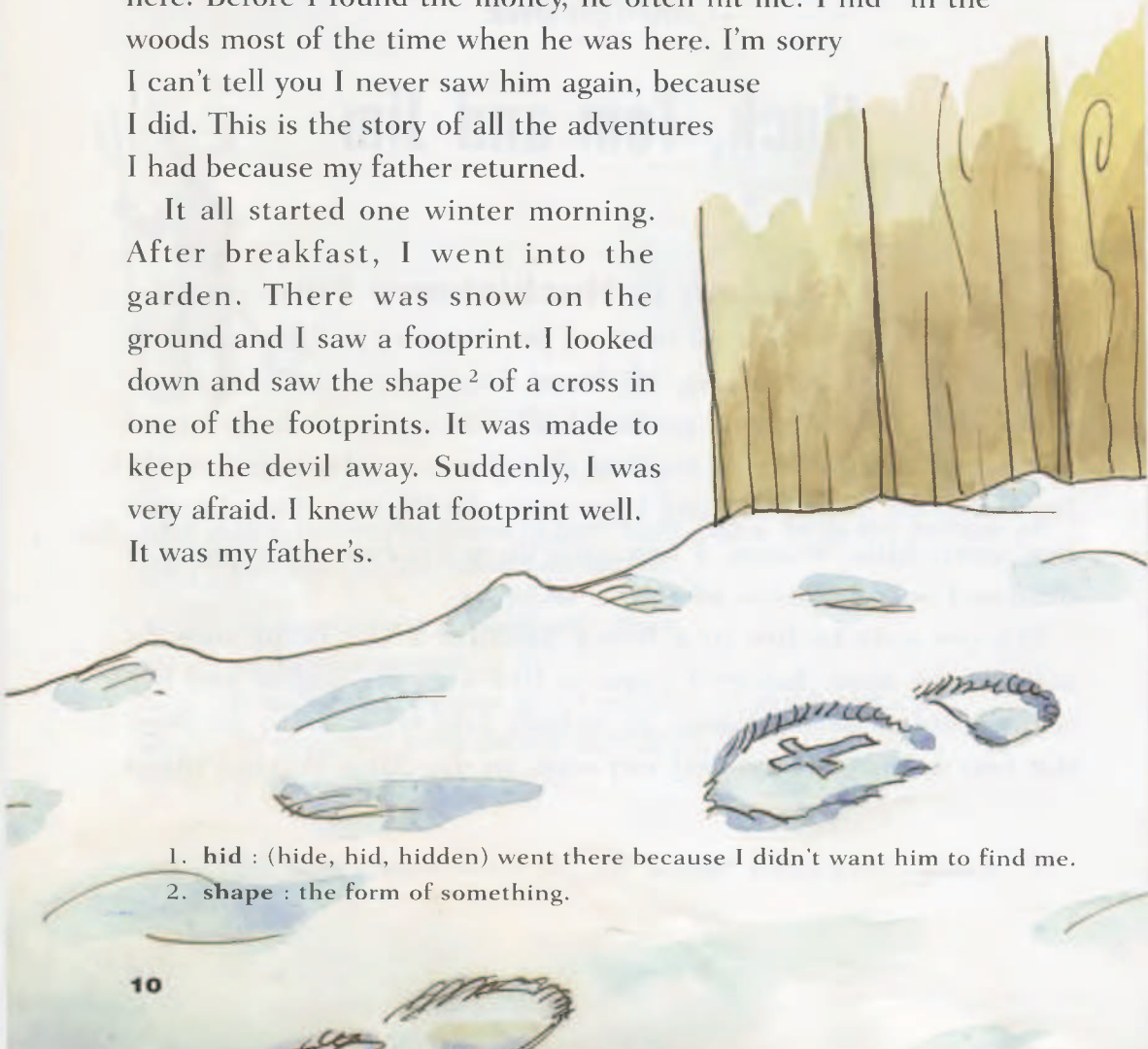
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says, "Huck, do your spelling lessons!" She wants me to do what she says all the time. This is difficult, so sometimes I'm sad. It's also difficult to go to school. But the Widow Douglas thinks school is good for me. I'm learning to spell, read and write a little, and I'm also learning some math.

I'm only a boy, but I have a lot of money. Tom and I found \$12,000 in a cave once. It's ours now and we each have \$6,000. A man named Judge Thatcher is keeping mine for me because I'm still just a boy.

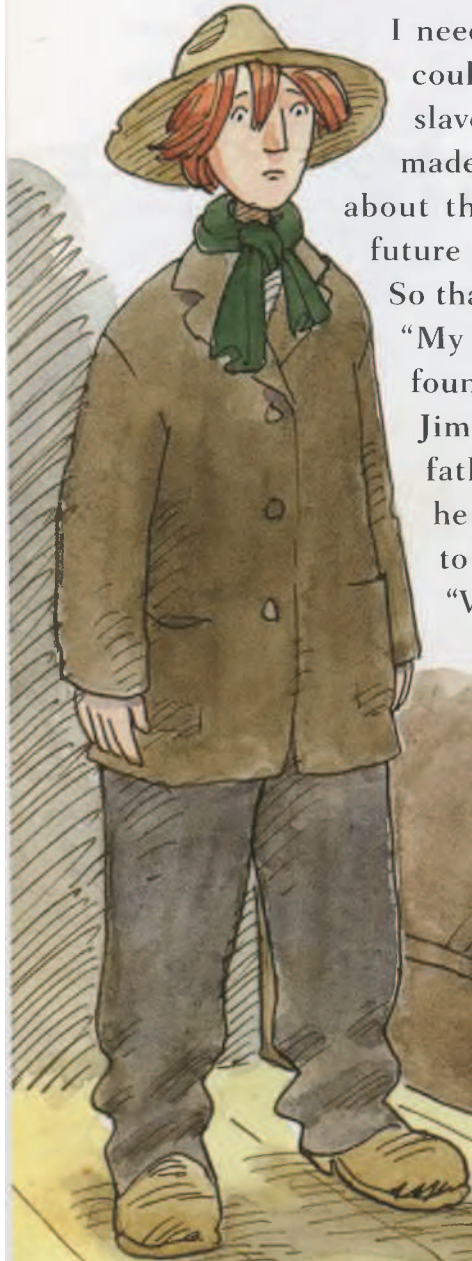
I know my father wants my money, so it's a good thing he isn't here. Before I found the money, he often hit me. I hid¹ in the woods most of the time when he was here. I'm sorry I can't tell you I never saw him again, because I did. This is the story of all the adventures I had because my father returned.

It all started one winter morning. After breakfast, I went into the garden. There was snow on the ground and I saw a footprint. I looked down and saw the shape² of a cross in one of the footprints. It was made to keep the devil away. Suddenly, I was very afraid. I knew that footprint well. It was my father's.

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1. **hid** : (hide, hid, hidden) went there because I didn't want him to find me.
 2. **shape** : the form of something.



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I needed help and there was only one person I could ask. That person was Jim, Miss Watson's slave.¹ Jim was a tall black man. He had a ball made of animal hair. The ball knew everything about the future. I wanted to ask Jim about my future and my father's.

So that night I went to see Jim in his room.

"My father is here again. I know because I found his footprints in the snow," I cried.

Jim listened to his ball and said, "Your old father doesn't know what to do. Sometimes he wants to go away and sometimes he wants to stay."

"What about me?" I asked.

1. slave : this person must work for another, but does not receive any money and cannot leave. For more information, see page 32.

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"The ball says your future will be very difficult, but also very happy. Don't go near the river because there's trouble there," Jim answered.

I went to my room. I felt very afraid again. I opened the door and suddenly saw the man I was so afraid of. He was sitting on my bed. It was my father!



UNDERSTANDING THE TEXT

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Decide if each sentence is correct or incorrect. If it is correct, tick (✓) A; if it is incorrect, tick (✓) B. There is an example at the beginning (0).

- | | A | B |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 0 Huckleberry Finn lives in a small town near the Pacific Ocean. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 1 He is friends with Tom Sawyer. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 He lives with the Widow Douglas and her sister. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 Huck's mother and father are both dead. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 Miss Watson always tells Huck what to do. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 Huck finds it difficult to go to school. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 He doesn't think he is learning anything at school. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 Tom and Huck are both very poor. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8 Huck's father never hits him. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9 Jim is Miss Watson's slave. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10 Jim told Huck his future was happy with no problems. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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LISTENING

Huck has to do many things in the house. Listen to the Widow Douglas telling Huck what to do and number the pictures in the correct order.





YOU'RE A LOTTERY WINNER!

What would \$6,000 be worth today? To find out, multiply it by twenty. (\$1 in those days would be worth \$20 today.) Write your total in the space provided.

\$6,000 x 20 =

Imagine you win this amount of money on the lottery. What would you like to spend it on? Below are pictures of some things you could buy with the amount of money you just calculated. Look at each picture and decide which one you like best.



WRITING

Look back at your answer above and write a short letter to Huck. Tell him why you made this choice and not the others. If you prefer, you may write him a letter telling him about some other way in which you would spend your money. Write your letter in about 100 words.

Dear Huck,

Yours,
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SUMMARY

What happens in Chapter One? Match a sentence in column A to a sentence in column B.

A

- 1 Huck and Tom
- 2 Huck lives with
- 3 Huck and Tom have
- 4 Judge Thatcher is
- 5 Huck's father
- 6 One morning Huck
- 7 Miss Watson's slave, Jim,
- 8 Huck went to his room and

B

- A wants Huck's money.
- B looking after Huck's money.
- C don't get bored very often.
- D told Huck his future.
- E saw a footprint in the snow.
- F saw his father.
- G a lot of money.
- H the Widow Douglas and Miss Watson.

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LANGUAGE

Unscramble the verbs below to get their infinitive forms.

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|---------------|----------------|
| 1 viel | 5 tsrat |
| 2 nlaer | 6 islten |
| 3 difn | 7 eihd |
| 4 tih | |

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Choose which of the above verbs best fits each sentence below and complete each one with either the Present Simple or Past Simple forms of your unscrambled verbs. There is an example at the beginning (0).

- 0 Huck lives with Miss Watson and the Widow Douglas.
- 1 Huck some money in a cave once.
- 2 Huck's troubles when he saw his father's footprint in the snow.
- 3 Jim to his ball of animal hair before he told Huck his future.
- 4 Huck's father is a violent man who often his son.
- 5 Huck never how to spell until he went to school.
- 6 Huck often in the woods because his father hits him.