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## 5. Tom Sawyer and the Old Picket Fence



### 1. Keywords:-

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| 1. orphan      | 7. picket     |
| 2. imaginative | 8. fence      |
| 3. mischievous | 9. punishment |
| 4. stitched    | 10. behaviour |
| 5. scolding    | 11. lying     |
| 6. received    | 12. skipping  |

## II Synonyms:

1. lad - a boy or young man.
2. spanking - slapping.
3. grin - a broad smile.
4. mumbling - speaking in a quiet way.
5. tiptoe - walk quietly with one's heels raised.

## III Antonyms:

1. mischievous x well-behaved
2. obey x disobey.

## IV Homophones:

1. pray - prey.
2. wait - weight.
3. year - ear.



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V Answer the following questions with reference to context.

I wish I could run away and then Aunt Polly would be sorry. She will wait for me year by year and pray for me to come back.

1. Who says the above lines?

Tom says these lines.

2. Why does the speaker want to run away?

The speaker is upset because of the scolding he has received from Aunt Polly. He considers running away just make her feel sorry and pray for him to return.

3. What happens after the speaker says these lines?

Aunt Polly ask Tom to paint the old picket fence on Saturday as a punishment for his mischievous behaviour and lying about skipping school.

VI Answer the following questions:-

1. Describe Tom Sawyer in 2-3 sentences.

Tom Sawyer is an orphan who lives with his aunt Polly and half brother Sid in

Missouri. He is an imaginative and mischievous boy who likes to explore new things. He does not obey or follow anyone's wishes and does what he likes.

2. What explanation does Tom give about his wet hair?

When caught by Aunt Polly, Tom explains that he and his classmates poured water over their heads because they were feeling hot.

3. How does Aunt Polly find out that Tom has lied about going to school?

Aunt Polly had used white thread to stitch Tom's collar in the morning, but when he sat to eat after school it was stitched with black thread. This way she found out that Tom had skipped school.

4. Why does Tom consider running away?

Tom considers running away because he feels if he does so and not come back for years, Aunt Polly would feel sorry and pray for him to come back.

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