



English Comprehension – Tom Sawyer

There comes a time in every boy's life when he suddenly has a strong desire to go somewhere and dig a hidden treasure. This desire came upon Tom Sawyer one day. He went to look for Joe but Joe failed to share this desire. Next, Tom looked for Ben but Ben went out fishing.

As Tom was walking back home, he stumbled upon Huck who was all ears to Tom's idea. They went to a quiet place and discussed the matter secretly. Huck was always willing to be part of anything exciting because he was such a carefree boy.

"Where will we dig?" asked Huck.

"Oh, almost everywhere." replied Tom.

"Why, are treasures hidden all around?"

"No. Treasures are hidden in special places. Sometimes on islands, sometimes in rotten chests under a dead old tree where the shadow falls at midnight. But most of them are hidden in haunted houses."

The last location gave Huck goose pimples but it made him even more curious to learn about finding treasures.

"Who hides them?"

"Robbers, of course. Who do you think? Sunday school teachers?"

As they talked, they became more and more excited about treasure hunting. Both boys started to daydream what they would do with the many treasures they might find.

1. What made Tom think of treasure hunting?

2. How would you describe Huck.

3. Who asked the question "Who hides them?" and why did he ask it?

4. What is the meaning of the phrase "who was all ears to Tom's idea".

5. Why did Huck have goose pimples?
