

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer (Chapter 1~4)

Background

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer

It is an 1876 novel about a young boy growing up along the Mississippi River.

In the novel Tom Sawyer has several adventures. It is set in the 1840s in the fictional town of St. Petersburg, where Twain lived as a boy.

The book ended up being the best selling of any of Twain's works during his lifetime.

Mark Twain describes some his stories in the book. The novel is set around Twain's actual boyhood home of Hannibal, near St. Louis, and many of the places in it are real and today support a tourist industry as a result.

The novel has elements of humour, satire and social criticism.

These features later made Mark Twain one of the most important authors of American literature.

Mark Twain



Before read--What do they do ?



◀ Aunt Polly



◀ Tom Sawyer



Huckleberry Finn ▶



◀ Injun Joe



Muff Potter ▶

Context

A Note on Mark Twain

pen name

Mark Twain's real name was Samuel Langhorne Clemens. Young Samuel grew up there, and as a boy he had many adventures on the river.

He began working as a steamboat pilot on the *Mississippi* in 1857, but in 1861 he went to the West.

In *San Francisco, California*, he began working as a journalist for *the Morning Call*.

In 1865 he wrote the short story, "*The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County*." It was a great success and Mark Twain became a famous writer.

People everywhere liked his humorous style and satire.

Mark Twain died in 1910. He was seventy-five years old.



How to read?
1857,1861,1910

CHAPTER 1 Tom and the Fence

"Tom" There was no answer. Aunt Polly looked under the bed but she only found the cat.

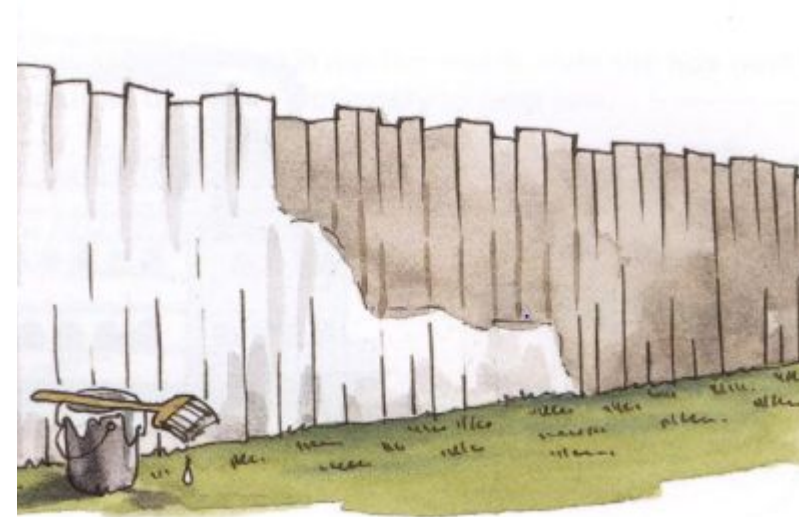
Then she heard a noise behind her. A small boy ran past and she stopped him with her hand.

"I told you not to eat the jam."

"I never learn. Tom always plays tricks on me. He's my sister's child-she's dead. But it's not easy to look after him. Tomorrow is Saturday and there's no school. He hates work but he must do it."

The summer evenings were long, and in the evenings Tom liked walking around the village. One evening he saw a big boy in front of him. The boy was a stranger. Tom was surprised because he did not see new people often.

This boy had very nice, expensive clothes. "He's got shoes, a new shirt and a tie. My clothes are old and ugly."



CHAPTER 1 Tom and the Fence

Tom pulled the boy's hair and hit him hard. They both fought a lot. The big boy was angry and started crying.

"Now that teach you something." Tom arrived home late and he was very dirty.

It was summer and the world was happy. Tom sat in front of the fence and looked at it. It was thirty yards long and nine feet high. "All my friends will laugh at me." He put his long brush in the white paint and started painting.

Ben had an apple in his hand. "You're working for your aunt. I'm going swimming but you can't come with me."

"Maybe it's work but maybe it isn't." Ben suddenly interested in the fence, "Let me paint a little, Tom."

Tom thought for a moment. "Aunt Polly wants me to do it because I'm very good at painting."



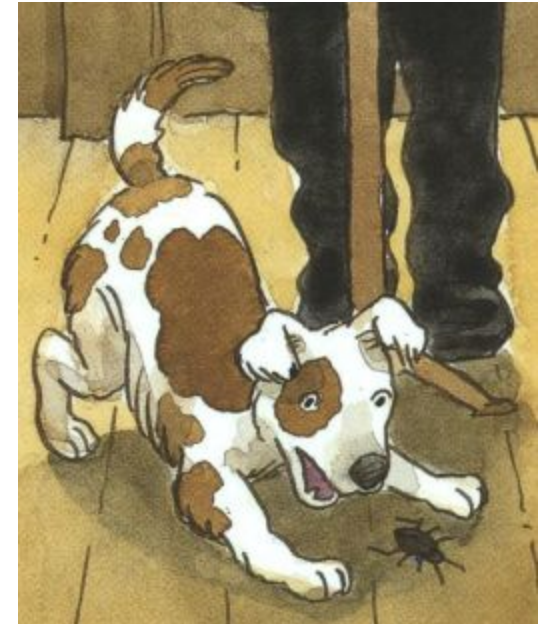
CHAPTER 2 Tom and Huck

The next day was Sunday. After Sunday school Tom and his family went to church. He had a big black beetle in his pocket. When the Reverend started speaking, Tom took the beetle out of his pocket. Suddenly the beetle bit the dog's nose. The dog ran all about the church barking and making a lot of noise. Tom was happy because he had an interesting morning in church.

“Get up immediately, and get ready for school.”

On his way to school Tom met his friend. He went fishing and swimming when he wanted. All the mothers of the village hated him because he was lazy and used bad language. All the children admired him.

I want to take the dead cat to the graveyard after midnight. A dead cat can call ghosts out of their graves.



CHAPTER 2 Tom and Huck

Tom saw a new girl in the classroom. There was a free chair next to her and Tom wanted to sit there.

Tom thought quickly, "I stopped to talk to Finn."

"You know you must never talk to that boy!" The teacher took his stick and hit Tom. He sat down next to the new girl. Then he drew a picture of a house.

"Let me see it," she whispered.

"I can teach you after school."

That night Tom and Sid were in bed at half past nine. Sid was soon asleep. At eleven o'clock he heard Huck meow. He dressed quickly and went out of the bedroom window.

The graveyard was on a hill. Everything was dark and scary. The wind made strange noises and dark clouds covered the moon.



Practice P31

▶ LANGUAGE PRACTICE

Complete the five conversations. Choose A, B or C. There is an example at the beginning (0).

0 Can you draw a picture for me?

A Yes, I do.

B Yes, I am.

C Yes, I can.

1 Where is the graveyard?

A There is here.

B It isn't.

C I don't know.

2 Do you like Sunday school?

A No, I not like.

B No, I don't.

C Yes, I have.

3 Can I have an apple, please?

A Here you are.

B It is here.

C Thank you.

4 What time is breakfast?

A Two hours.

B At half past eight.

C To one hour.

5 Are you going to school?

A Yes, I are.

B Yes, I go.

C Yes, I am.

CHAPTER 3 The Graveyard

The three ghosts moved quietly in the graveyard. They come close to Tom and Huck. "They're grave robbers. The doctor wants a dead body."

Injun Joe started digging. Soon the grave was open. They pulled the dead body out of the ground.

"I'm not giving you more money!"

Everything happened very quickly. He killed Dr Robinson with the knife. The doctor fell on top of Muff and covered him with blood.

Injun Joe robbed the dead doctor. Then he put the bloody knife into Muff's right hand.

"What happened, Joe?" "Something very bad. Why did you kill him."

"I never fight with a knife. He was young and he had a future. It was the whisky. Joe, don't tell anyone."

Tom and Huck were terrified. It was a terrible scene. They silently moved away from the trees. "We can't tell anyone about



Practice P38 (phrase)

dangerous three body graveyard fighting
ghosts happened too night name

last night
last week
last month
last year

look for

start doing

be afraid of

Tuesday, June 18

Last 1..... Huck Finn and I went to the 2.....
We wanted to look for 3..... but something terrible
4..... We saw 5..... grave robbers. They
wanted Hoss Williams's dead 6..... The three men
started 7..... and one of them killed Dr Robinson. I
cannot write his 8..... in this diary because I am
afraid of him. He is a very 9..... man. Huck is afraid
of him 10.....

one of them

CHAPTER 4 Jackson's Island

The next day everyone knew about poor Dr Robinson. The sheriff put Muff in St Petersburg's small jail.

“We must keep this secret” At night he had bad dreams about Injun Joe and Muff Potter. Aunt Polly gave him a lot of different medicines. But Tom did not feel better.

Tom and his friend Joe Harper went to sit by the Mississippi River. They fished, talked and looked at the boats.

“Let's run away! We can be pirates.”

Jackson's Island was a small island in the Mississippi River. It was about three miles south of St Petersburg. No one lived on the island.

“Remember, Joe, don't tell anyone about our adventure. Go home and bring some food.”



At midnight the three boys met on the river. Huck brought

CHAPTER 4 Jackson's Island

“They go on ships and take the money.” The three boys slept under the stars.

“They saw a steamboat and a lot of small boats near it.”

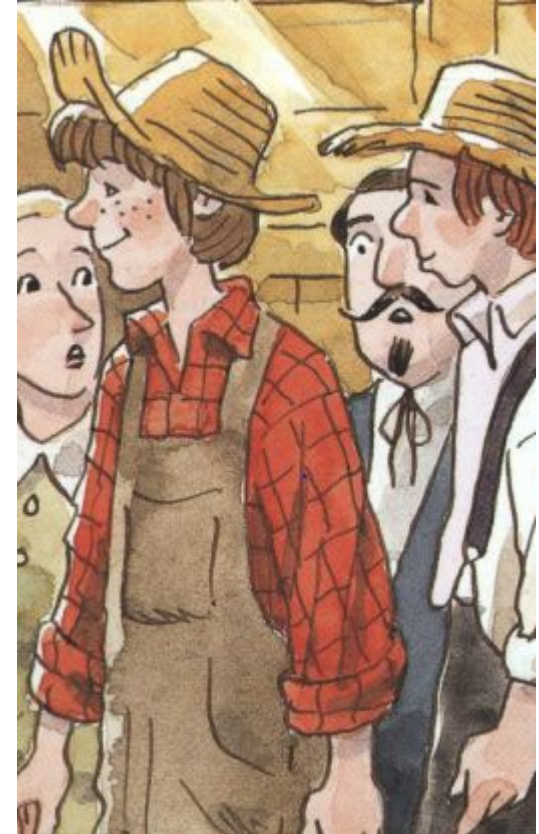
“The same thing happened last summer when Bill Turner fell into the river and drowned.”

The three boys felt like heroes and laughed. “We're famous.”

Tom told them his story. “Aunt Polly cried a lot. I heard some interesting things. Well, there will be a funeral for us on Sunday at the church.”

There were no happy faces in St Petersburg. Aunt Polly and Joe Haper's family were all dressed in black. The Reverend said many kind words about the three boys. Everyone cried a lot.

The three dead boys slowly walked into the church.





Discussion 1

1. What trick did Tom play to make Ben to help him to paint the fence ?

Why Tom was happy but he did not smile?

Tom 耍了什么花招使得Ben帮他刷篱笆？

为什么Tom高兴却不笑？

2. Huckleberry Finn was hated by all the mothers of the village but was admired by all the children. Why was that?

Do you have any friends like him?

村子里的妈妈们都喜欢Huckleberry Finn, 但孩子们却喜欢他, 这为什么？

你有像Huck这样的朋友吗？

3. Why did Huck take the dead cat to the graveyard ?

Have you ever went outside at night secretly with your friends?

Huck为什么要带一只死猫去墓地？

Discussion 2

4. “Thank you, Joe. You're a friend.” said Muff. Is Joe really a good friend?

Muff说：“谢谢你，Joe。你真是我的好朋友”。Joe真的是个好朋友吗？

5. If you were Tom, would you tell the truth ?

Who would you tell about it?

如果你是Tom，你会说出真相吗？

你会告诉谁？

6. Why did Tom want to run away and be a pirate?

Do you remember any pirates in the story we've learned?

Tom 为什么要出逃还想成为海盗？

你还记得学过的故事里面的海盗吗？

Vocabulary & Writing

Word's definition

- jam

a thick sweet food that is made by fruit and that is usually spread on bread

- stranger

a person that you do not know

- beetle

an insect, often large and black, with a hard case on its back, covering its wings.

- brush

a thing being used for cleaning, painting or tidying your hair and so on

- sheriff

an elected officer responsible for keeping law and order

- medicine

a liquid that you drink or swallow in order to cure an illness

- knife

a sharp blade with a handle, used for cutting or as a weapon

Opposite words - verb

laugh

win

hide

spend

buy

sleep

come

open

cry

lose

show

save

sell

wake

go

close

A + B = AB ?



grave + yard =
graveyard



steam + boat =
steamboat



class + room = classroom



bed + room = bedroom

Adjectives-feeling

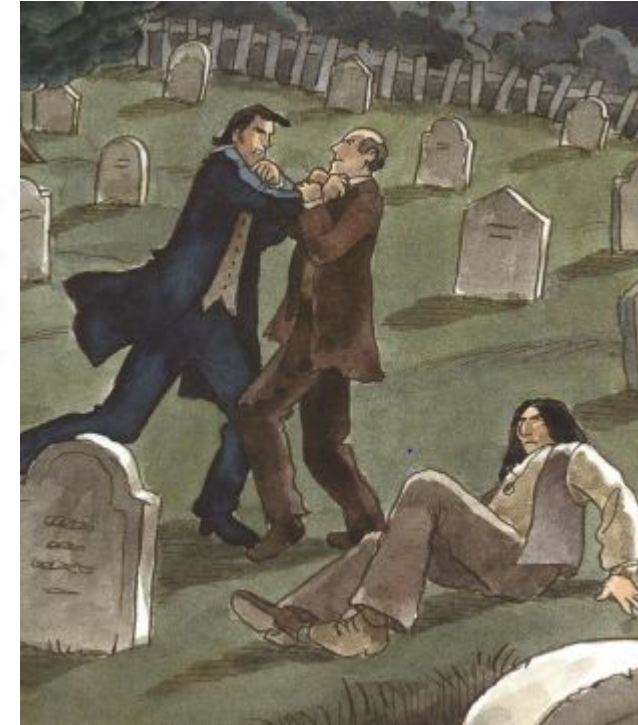
describe how the people in the picture are feeling.

angry scared excited worried bored
disinterested confused terrified calm happy

- a. Tom and Huck are feeling
- b. The doctor is
- c. Injun Joe is
- d. Muff Potter is

Can you change the Adjectives to Adverbs?

angry	-	angrily
excited	-	excitedly
worried	-	worriedly
disinterested	-	disinterestedly
confused	-	confusedly
calm	-	calmly
happy	-	happily



Review - P57

everyone = all the people

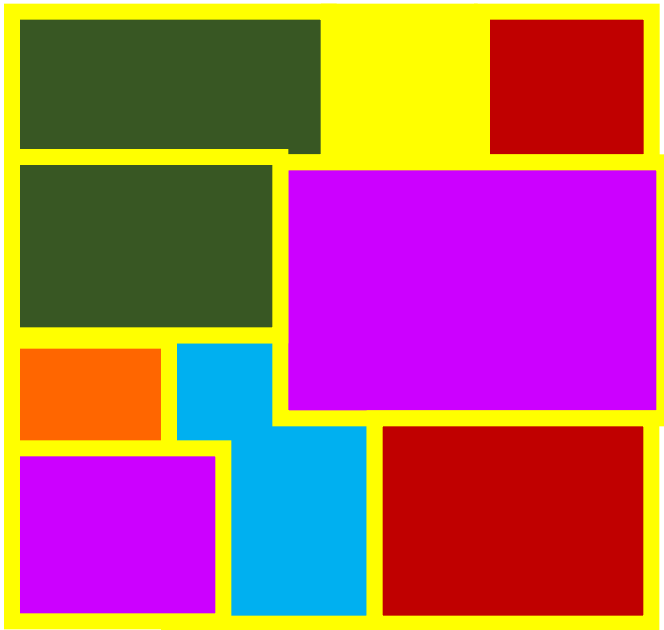
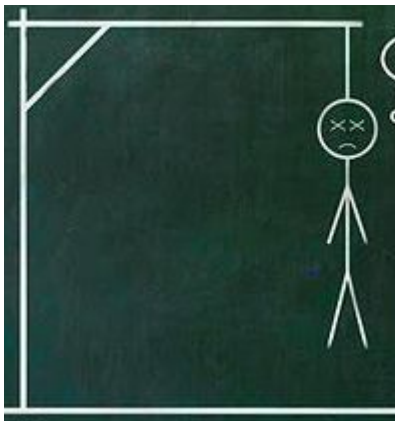
everything = all the things / objects

everywhere = in all the places

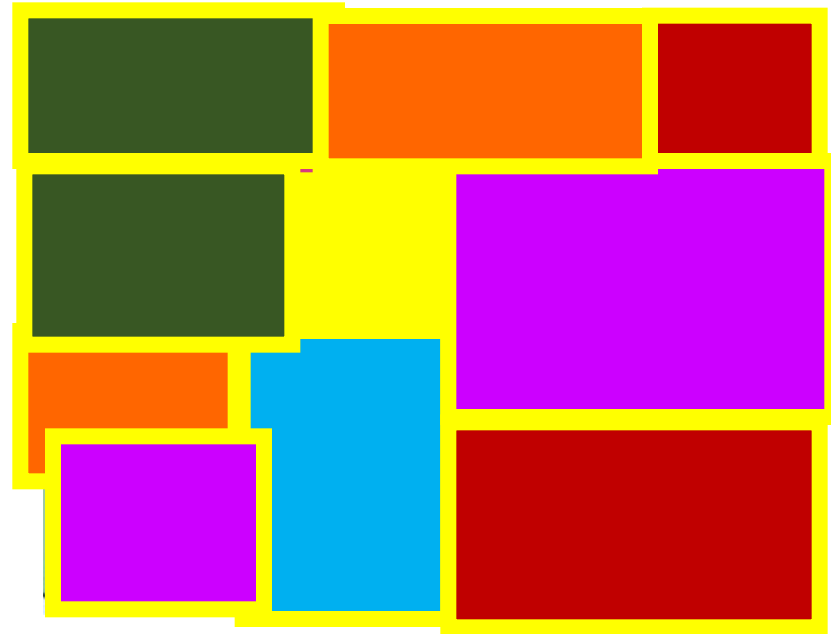
everyone everything everywhere

- a. The sheriff looked for Injun Joe.
- b. in the graveyard scared Tom and Huck.
- c. liked Becky Thatcher.
- d. During the trial there were people
- e. was afraid of Injun Joe.
- f. "You're worried, Tom," said Aunt Polly, "Is alright?"
- g. in St Petersburg went to the trial.
- h. "I want to do to help Muff Potter," said Tom.
- i. Tom and his friends played on the Mississippi River.

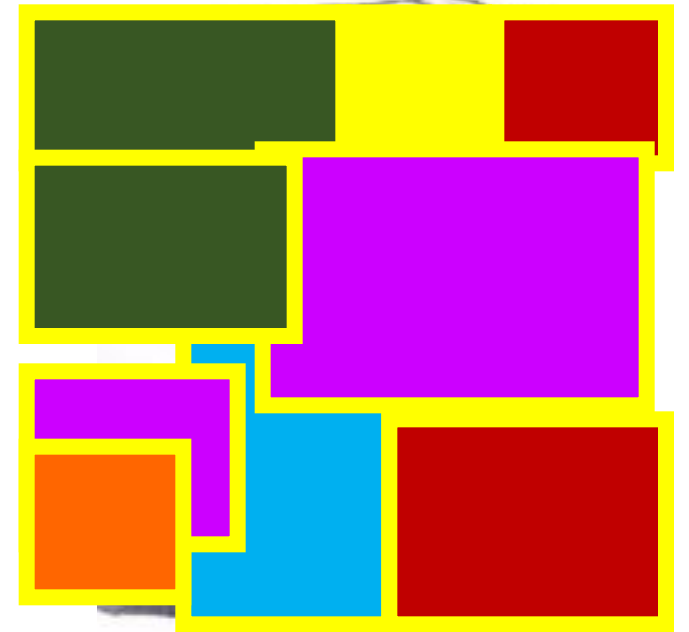
'A' word (hangman game)



a _ _ _ _ _



a _ _ _ _ _



A _ _ _ _ _

Grammar

Past Simple



□ Definition

The past tense describes a past event or a state of being. It is used to describe a completed activity that started in the past and ended in the past.

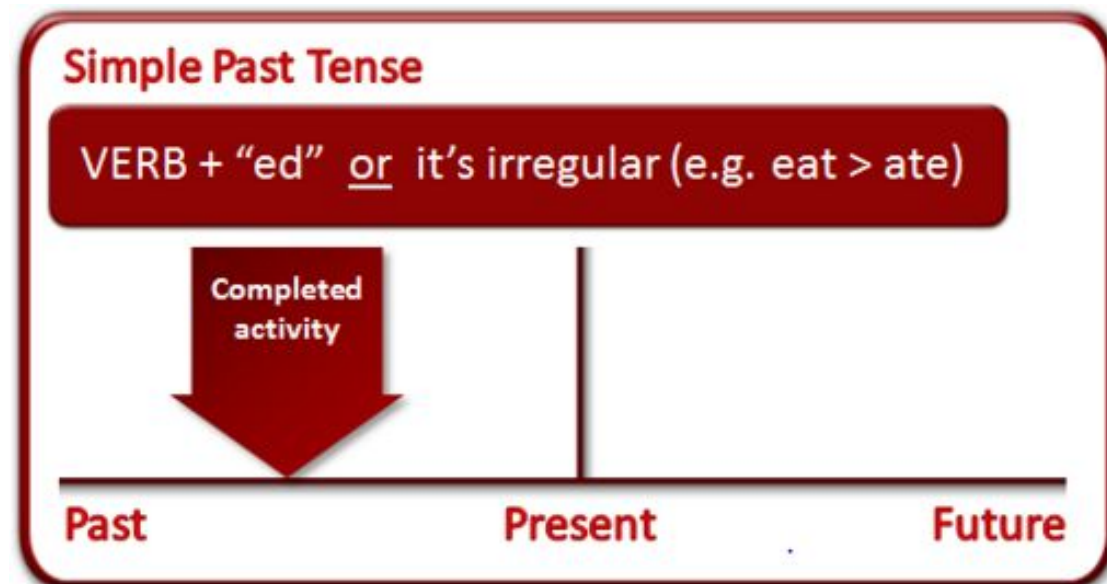
For example:

past event-- I jumped in the lake.

past state of being-- I was happy.

□ Symbol

last month, last night, last ten years;
yesterday, in the past, in 2000,
an hour ago, ten years ago,
when I was six years old, ...



□ Verb - form

BE - Verb

is - was (He is handsome. -- He was handsome.)

am - was (I am a student. -- I was a student.)

are - were (They are in the school. -- They were in the school.)

□ Verb - form

DO - Verb

- **regular form**

verb + ed	verb-e + d	verb- y → verb-ied	verb (stressed closed syllable) → double letter + ed
look - looked play - played visit - visited	live - lived use - used	study - studied fly - flied try - tried	stop - stopped plan - planned rob - robbed

- **irregular form**

begin - began
bite - bit
build - built
come - came
cost - cost
cut - cut

do/does- did
draw - drew
eat - ate
find - found
get - got
go - went

put - put
take - took
see - saw
lose - lost
sing - sang
have/has - had

Find out the past tense verb and tell the original form

- Aunt Polly **looked** under the bed but she only **found** the cat.
- A small boy **ran** past and she **stopped** him with her hand.
- I **told** you not to eat the jam.
- One evening she **saw** a big boy in front of him. The boy **had** very nice clothes. Tom **did** not like him.
- Suddenly the beetle **bit** the dog's nose.
- Injun Joe **took** the doctor's arm and the doctor **hit** him.
- He **robbed** the dead doctor.
- You **fought** with the doctor.

Practice - P46

Use the verbs in the box to complete the sentences. Put them into the Past Simple (一般过去时). Be careful, some of these verbs have irregular Past Simple forms (不规则过去式形式).

can cry drown fall keep
kiss meet see sing sleep

- a. Tom the terrible secret.
- b. He not forget the night at the graveyard.
- c. The boys at midnight.
- d. Bill Turner into the river and
- e. Huck under a big tree.
- f. Everyone in church a lot.
- g. When Aunt Polly Tom, she him.
- h. Everybody was happy and

Game

School













Match the places in a school with description

playground	a room with lots of books you can read and borrow
canteen	outside, where you can play at break times
library	a room where you learn how to use computers
gym	a room with lots of musical instruments
music room	a room where you eat your lunch
computer room	a room where you do indoor sport or exercise
principal's office	a room used for scientific research, testing
laboratory	a room where the principal can work there

What can you learn in the school?

English	drama	science	music	history
maths	art	geography	PE	ICT

				
	English			
				

School Day



What about your school day ?

- What time is your class?
- What subject do you have?
- What subject do you like?
- Where do you have your class?
- What day is it ?
- What is your homework?
- ...

- class over