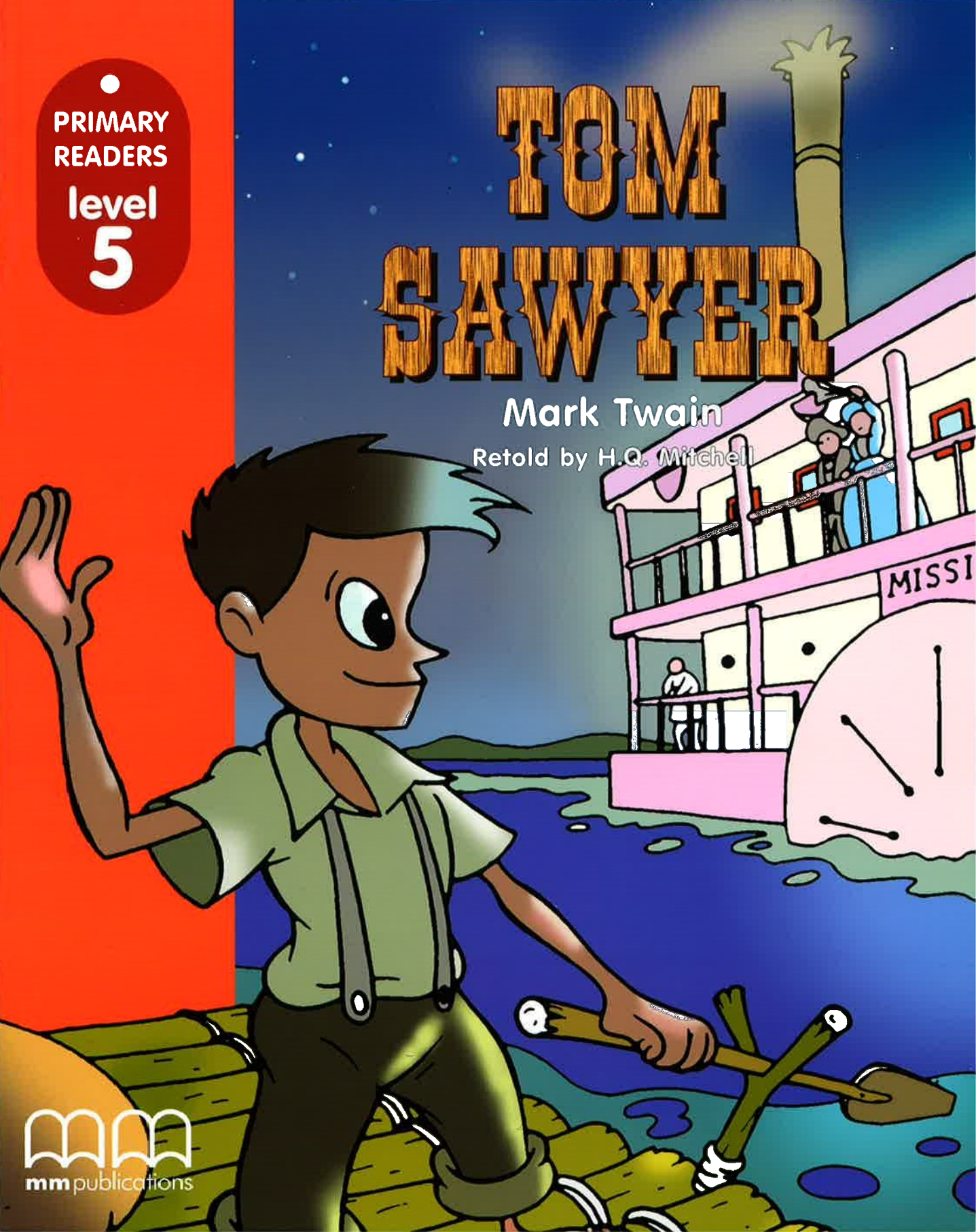
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Tom Sawyer was a young boy who lived with his aunt Polly and his brother Sid in the village of St. Petersburg, by the Mississippi. He was a good boy, but he always got himself into trouble.

One day, Aunt Polly was looking for him. Suddenly he appeared with jam on his face.

Aunt Polly: Tom, I told you not to eat the jam!

Tom: Uh, well … Aunt Polly, look behind you!

As Aunt Polly turned around, Tom ran out of the house, before she could ask him anything.

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Tom was still running when he saw a strange boy. Tom looked at him and his new clothes and shoes. He didn't like the strange boy.

Tom: You! What's your name?

Boy: I'm not going to tell you!

Tom: You must tell me! I want to know.

Boy: No! You tell me your name!

Tom: I asked you first!



Tom and the boy started fighting. They punched and scratched each other. The boy ran away crying. It was getting late, so Tom climbed through the bedroom window, because he didn't want his Aunt Polly to see him. But Aunt Polly was standing there, in his bedroom. She was very angry!

Aunt Polly: Thomas Sawyer! For what you did just now, you'll paint the fence tomorrow!

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The next morning, Tom was standing in front of the fence. It was very long and very high. As he started painting, Ben, a friend from school, came by…

Ben: I'm going to the river, do you want to come with me?

Tom really wanted to go but he knew he couldn't. Then, he had an idea.

Tom: Aunt Polly let me paint the fence. Nobody else can do it, you know.

Ben: What do you mean? I can do it!

Ben gave Tom five of his marbles to let him paint. More boys came by, and Tom got them to do the job for him. In the afternoon the fence was as good as new, Tom had a lot of new toys and Aunt Polly was very pleased.

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Activity Page

1 Match the words with the pictures. Write the numbers 1-7 in the boxes.

1. punch 2. cry 3. scratch 4. pleased 5. angry 6. marbles 7. jam









2 Read and write T for True or F for False.

1. Tom Sawyer always got himself into trouble. ☐
2. Sid was Tom's best friend. ☐
3. Tom saw a strange boy and asked him his name. ☐
4. Tom and the boy punched each other and then Tom ran away crying. ☐
5. Aunt Polly was pleased when Tom climbed through his bedroom window. ☐
6. Tom painted the fence. ☐
7. Tom gave Ben five marbles to let him paint the fence. ☐

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