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Chapter Fourteen: Injun Joe's Revenge

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Level: Beginner - pre-intermediate

Age: Teenagers / adults

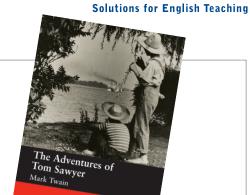
Time needed: 10-20 minutes per activity

Preparation: You will need two rooms in order to split the group into two and organize the jigsaw activity.

Activity 1

- Divide your class into two groups A and B.
- 2 Put group A in one room and group B in a different room.
- 3 Group A listen to the story from the start of the chapter until 'Then Huck heard the sound of a gun. He jumped up and ran away down the hill.'
- 4 Meanwhile, group B listen to the second half of the story from 'Early on Sunday morning...' until the end of the chapter.
- **5** Explain that you will play each group their part of the story twice.
- 6 Play the recording once, then encourage the students to work together and make notes.
- Play the recording again, and let them make additional notes while they are listening.
- 8 Give the groups a couple of minutes at the end to check their notes together.
- Return all the students to the same room and pair one A student with one B student.
- 10 Explain that they have listened to two halves of the same chapter. Their task is to tell their partner about the half they listened to and to try and reconstruct the whole story for that chapter. Tell student A to start.
- 11 Monitor and help where necessary.

Note: One way to overcome the issue of needing two rooms is to do this jigsaw listening activity at the same time as another class. Then, you can send your group



B to the other classroom and they will join another group listening to half the story. Meanwhile, the other teacher sends you their group A.

Activity 2

- 1 Tell the students you are going to play them the whole chapter. They should just sit back, relax and listen.
- 2 Play the recording.
- 3 Now ask the students to write down as many words as they can remember. Set a time limit of 30 seconds (you can make it longer if you think it's necessary).
- 4 Ask the students to exchange their word list with a partner.
- 5 Play the recording again and have the students tick the words from the list that they hear.
- **6** Find out which student had written the most words that appeared on the recording.

Extension: Summarizing

Ask the students to write a brief summary of what happened in Chapter Fourteen. They can use their notes from Activity 1 and/or their word lists from Activity 2 to help them. These summaries could be displayed around the classroom on the walls.



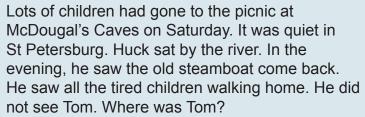
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At eleven o'clock, the lights in the town started to go out. Huck walked out of the town. He was going to sleep in a barn.

Suddenly, Huck saw somebody in front of him. It was Injun Joe! Huck followed him.

'He's carrying something,' Huck said to himself. 'He's going to bury the treasure!'

Soon, Injun Joe met the Stranger. The two men walked up a hill outside the town. They stopped next to a house.

'That's Mrs Douglas' house,' Huck said to himself. 'Are they going to bury the treasure on her land?'

'There's a light in the house,' Injun Joe said to the Stranger. 'We'll wait here. She'll go to bed soon.'

'No! Let's go away,' said the Stranger.

'We'll go in. Wait! The light will go out soon,' said Injun Joe.

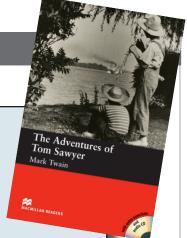
Suddenly, Huck was frightened. Was this Injun Joe's revenge? Was he going to murder Mrs Douglas? Huck heard Injun Joe's voice again.

'The woman's husband was a judge. The judge sent me to jail. I was going to get revenge on him. But the judge died. So I'll get my revenge on his wife!'

'Don't kill her!' said the Stranger. 'I don't want to kill anybody!' 'No, I won't kill her. I don't kill women,' replied Injun Joe. 'But I want revenge. I'll cut her face and her ears. And you must help—'

Huck moved away very, very slowly. Then he turned and ran down the hill. Mrs Douglas was a good lady. Mrs Douglas gave him food sometimes. He had to get help.

Huck ran and ran. He ran to Judge Thatcher's house. He knocked on the door. A window opened.

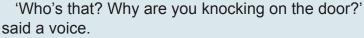


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'Let me in – quickly,' said Huck. 'Please!'

'Who are you?'

'Huck. Huckleberry Finn. Please be quick.'

Judge Thatcher knew about Huck. 'Well, Huck Finn,' he said.



'Many people will not open their doors for you. But I will open mine.'

The judge opened the door and Huck ran into the house.

Three minutes later, the judge and some other men came out of the house. They ran up the hill.

Huck started to follow them. Suddenly, he was very tired. He stopped and he sat down on the ground.

Then Huck heard the sound of a gun. He jumped up and ran away down the hill.

Early on Sunday morning, there was a knock on the judge's door.

'Who's there?'

'Huck Finn.'

'Come in, Huck Finn,' said Judge Thatcher. 'You're very welcome.'

Huck was surprised. People did not say, 'You're very welcome' to him!

The door opened and Huck went in.

'I want to talk to you,' said the judge. 'Why did you run away last night?'

'I heard the gun,' said Huck. 'I was frightened.'

'Poor boy,' said Judge Thatcher. 'Everything is all right now. We frightened those men away. We didn't catch them. But we'll catch them soon. What did they look like? Who were they?'

'There was a stranger,' said Huck. 'And Injun Joe.'

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'Injun Joe!' The judge stood up. 'I'll tell the sheriff.'

Soon, there was something else to tell the sheriff. Tom Sawyer and Becky Thatcher were lost. They were lost in McDougal's Caves. All the men from the town went to the caves. They looked for the children all day and all night.

Huck slept all day and all night at the judge's house. Huck was ill. On Monday, Mrs Douglas took him to her house.

'I will take care of the boy,' she said.

The people of St Petersburg looked for Tom and Becky on Monday and Tuesday. But on Wednesday morning, they stopped. The children were lost for ever!

Judge Thatcher and some other men went to the door at the entrance to the caves. They put a big piece of metal across the door.

'Now, nobody can get in. Nobody will ever get lost in the caves again,' said Judge Thatcher.

