Business Communications Basics A Guide To Concise Writing And Correct Style
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Tom comes home at supper-time. His clothes are torn and he has about his adventures. During supper, Aunt Polly’s maiden niece, Becky Thatcher, arrives by accident and is introduced to the family. She is a cheerful and resourceful young girl and Tom is immediately taken with her. Tom’s half-brother, Sid, who is also there, is less impressed.

Tom goes out of the house to play in the street. Becky and Tom decide to play a game of hide-and-seek. They count to ten, and then Tom sets off to find a place to hide. Becky counts to ten and then begins to search for Tom. Tom hides behind a large bush, but Becky finds him easily. She laughs and congratulates herself on her success.

Tom returns home in the evening. He finds Aunt Polly sitting in the kitchen, looking worried. She tells him that the town doctor has been called to see to Mr. Brown, who is sick. Tom is told to be quiet and to keep out of the way.

On Saturday morning, Aunt Polly sends Tom out to whitewash the fence. Mr. Brown passes by, and Tom tries to get him to do some of the whitewashing in return for a “shave alley,” a kind of mixture. Mr. Brown almost agrees, but Aunt Polly appears and chases him off, leaving Tom alone with his task.
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Tom comes home at supper time. Tom’s stepmother, Mrs. Mason, has about her adventures. During supper, Aunt Polly tells Tom that he will be skipped school that afternoon and must make up for lost time. Tom is not keen on the idea but is too tired to argue. Aunt Polly is satisfied, and Tom goes out to play.

Tom and the new arrival of a circus tramp engage in imaginative play and eventually chase the newcomer all the way home.

When he returns home in the evening, Tom finds Aunt Polly waiting for him. She notices his dirty clothes and resolves to make him work the next day, a Saturday, as punishment.

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