Study Guide To Speak English
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Tom comes home at supper time with a haggard look and tells his aunt that he has been caught stealing a watch and has been whipped. Aunt Polly is satisfied. Tom has earned the drubbing that he so richly deserves. Tom is all set for school next day. He is to be whipped. While wandering the streets of St. Petersburg, Tom gets an idea for a prank. He wants to make fun of his cousin, Becky Thatcher, by getting her locked in the stockade. The idea is to add to her already threatened reputation and eventually chase the newcomers all the way home.

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Tom comes home at supper and his sister Becky tells him she isn't going to skip school that afternoon and went everywhere looking for his brother. She brought home two oranges and a new orange box. Aunt Polly is satisfied. The转变 of the weather from spring to summer was noticeable in the air, and even the fisherman's whistling. While wandering the streets of St. Petersburg, Tom overheard a conversation and eventually chases the newcomer away from the house.

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