

Tall Tales Tom

Tom is known for making up stories, so will anyone believe him when he REALLY goes on a big adventure?



Tom Fieldmouse was **always** telling tall tales.

One day, he told everyone he'd rode on an elephant in the zoo. But no one believed him.

"Tom, stop telling tall tales!" said his mum.

Tom went in the garden to play and spotted a toy boat on the grass.



"I can play pirates!" Tom cheered and quickly put his pirate outfit on.

For a mouse like Tom, the boat was **huge!**



Splash!

Just then, a girl came along and put the boat in a car boot with her bucket and spade. The doors slammed and the car drove away.

"A real adventure!"

gasped Tom, inside the car.

It doesn't sound true, does it? But it is!

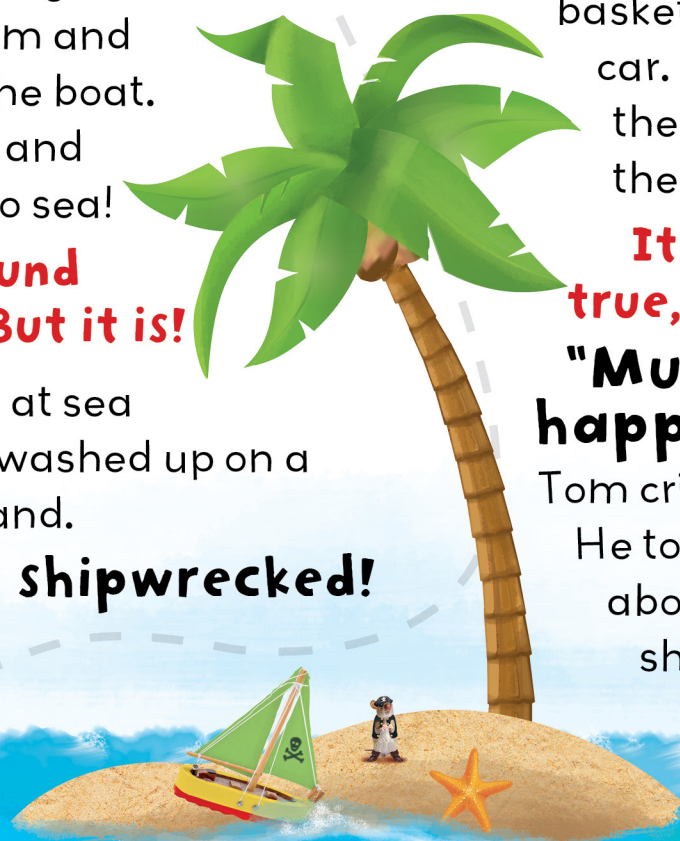
The car arrived at the seaside and the girl played with the boat.

After a while, the girl went to get an ice cream and forgot all about the boat. The tide came in and washed it away to sea!

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The boat drifted at sea until at last it washed up on a deserted island.

Tom was shipwrecked!



"Wow, my very own island!" cried Tom, thrilled. He played in the sand and built a shelter. But it wasn't long before he began to get hungry.

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Suddenly, a cruise boat full of people arrived at the island!

They all jumped out and had a picnic. Nobody saw Tom sneaking into a picnic basket.

At last the cruise boat set off back to the mainland. Tom jumped out of the picnic basket and back into the car. The doors slammed, the engine roared, and the car drove home.

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"Mum! Guess what happened to me!"

Tom cried, excitedly. He told his mum all about his amazing shipwreck adventure.



Wow!

"Tut, tut, Tom. You're telling tall tales again," said his mum. Tom wished he hadn't told so many tall tales before.

Tom took his pirate boots off to get ready for bed, and guess what fell out of them? Lots and lots of sand!

"You're telling the truth!"

gasped his mum in amazement.

Tom Fieldmouse couldn't wait to tell his friends about his very **true pirate adventure!**

