

Improving Your Reading with Rex Retriever: Toad's Wish



"Hooray!" shouted Reddy. "School is finished and there are no more lessons for two weeks!" He threw his cap into the air.

"Let's go home through the village, so that we can look into Daddy Williams' toy shop," suggested his friend Thomas Brown, better known as Toad, who ran up to join him.



"All right," agreed Reddy, "and I'll show you what I want for Christmas." They started down the street.

"It looks as though it might snow tonight," said Toad. "Don't you wish it would snow lots? Then we could get all the boys together and have a snowball fight."

"It's the best fun I know of, next to swimming in the creek," was the answer.

"Here we are," he cried a few minutes later and both boys stopped in front of a small shop window that looked very happy and colourful, with a wonderful display of Christmas toys.

"Do you see those skates hanging up by that sled? That's the kind I want," pointed out Reddy. "You screw them right into the heels of your shoes and they won't ever come off."

"They're nice," agreed Toad, "but look at that engine and train. It goes right through the tunnel and up over the bridge. I wonder how fast it can run."

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In the lake

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