

The Reluctant Swimmer

MUM: Come on James, we'll be late. Grab your things.

JAMES: (*sighing*) Do I have to?

MUM: Is something the matter?

JAMES: Well ... it's just that ... I'm not feeling so good.

MUM: You were fine a minute ago. Don't forget your goggles this time. Now hurry up.

JAMES: But my throat is sore.

MUM: (*raising her voice*) Not this again!

JAMES: It's just that... it's not fun anymore.

MUM: No? Well there are things you have to do that aren't fun. It's not all computer games and playing you know! It takes hard work and determination to be the best. That's not going to happen while you're sitting around all day. Now for the last time, COME ON!

- What is happening in this short extract?
- What are the clues that tell you that James does not want to go swimming?
- Why do you think James is behaving the way he is?
- What would you do next if you were James?
- Why do you think it is important to Mum that James goes swimming?
- What should Mum do next?

Continue the script for 'The Reluctant Swimmer'

When you continue writing it, think about what might happen next. Include dialogue and stage directions.