



Task 2: No More Swimming



You have recently received a letter from your Head teacher informing you that swimming lessons will henceforth be cancelled at your school. She says that the pool is too expensive to hire and travel costs are too high. Her expectation is that you should be having extra Maths and English lessons instead.

Her argument is that every class loses nearly two hours of learning when they go swimming and that, afterwards, pupils are too tired to concentrate on other lessons. Behaviour at the swimming pool is also a concern. She would like to spend the money saved on new reading books for the school library, which was built last year. You are outraged, what can you do?



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Mission: Write a letter that persuades your Head teacher to change her mind and reinstate swimming lessons for all. Give clear reasons to support your point of view.

Before you write:

List all of the reasons that swimming lessons are important to you.

Are there any compromises you could offer to encourage her to change her mind?

How will you ensure that she takes your letter and ideas seriously?



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After you have written:

- ☐ Read your letter aloud. Are your points clearly made and compelling for the reader?
- ☐ Look carefully at the different types of punctuation in your writing. Is it placed and used accurately?
- ☐ Notice how each sentence begins. Have you used a range of openers to help your writing flow and link your ideas?
- ☐ Identify the key language in your writing. How does this command respect and create an appropriate tone?



