Fat Boy Swim-Chapter One

- 1. Why do you think Jimmy hates the Summer?
- 2. Why was Jimmy only put on the pitch in the dying minutes of the game?
- 3. Who is the start player of the school football team?
- 4. Why did Victor call Jimmy, "Fat Boy Fat"?

Fat Boy Swim-Chapter Two

- 1. How did Hamblin humiliate Jimmy last year after the match?
- 2. What had Jimmy done to supposedly deserve this treatment?
- 3. What did Jimmy discover in the showers after the match?
- 4. Why was Jimmy upset about his blazer?
- 5. Who spotted Jimmy going past the staffroom notice board?
- 6. What do you think the writer means when she says, "G.I.

 Joe wasn't a proper teacher anyway."

Fat Boy Swim-Chapter Three

- 1. Where is Jimmy's mum going?
- 2. Name the two things that Jimmy considers to be normal for a teenager.
- 3. Name three types of music Jimmy likes.
- 4. How does Aunt Pol feel about Jimmy's cooking?
- 5. Why is Jimmy's one gift, kept top secret?
- 6. Who came home with Jimmy's mum?
- 7. What do you think he wants? Give a reason for your answer.

Fat Boy Swim-Chapter Four

- 1. What did Jimmy discover about G.I. Joe?
- 2. Name two forms of punishment G.I. Joe gave to Victor.
- 3. Why is Jimmy angry that G.I. Joe knows about his secret gift?
- 4. What does G.I. Joe want Jimmy to do?

Fat Boy Swim-Chapter Five

- 1. What appears in Jimmy's recurring dream?
- 2. In your own words, describe Jimmy's dream.

Fat Boy Swim-Chapter Six

- 1. How did Jimmy feel when he woke up from his dream?
- 2. What excuse did he have for not meeting Aunt Pol?
- 3. What did Jimmy plan to do for the afternoon?
- 4. What did the writer mean by, "Jimmy's shame"?
- 5. How did Jimmy's binge really make him feel?
- 6. List three things that G.I. Joe believes every child has a right to.
- 7. What do you think the last line of chapter six means?

Fat Boy Swim-Chapter Seven

- 1. Why do you think Aunt Pol called Jimmy a "...softie..."?
- 2. Why did Aunt Pol avoid the main shopping area after their visit to the cinema?
- 3. Why do you think Aunt Pol is rude to G.I. Joe?

Fat Boy Swim-Chapter Eight

- 1. Why is Jimmy's 'escape' after Mass described as a matter of urgency?
- 2. Why do you think Jimmy blushed when he saw Ellie McPherson?
- 3. What did Jimmy do that made his chest feel as if it had,
 "...come alive..."?
- 4. Why do you think nobody close to Jimmy used the word 'FAT'?

Fat Boy Swim-Chapter Nine

- 1. Why do you think Jimmy was in a bad mood?
- 2. G.I. Joe asked Jimmy, how he could help him? Name two things that Jimmy wants.

Fat Boy Swim-Chapter Ten

- 1. What were Mum and Aunt Pol arguing about?
- 2. List three words Aunt Pol uses to describe Jimmy.
- 3. How did these words make Jimmy feel?

Fat Boy Swim-Chapter Eleven

- 1. Who did Jimmy meet on the street?
- 2. What news did he have for Jimmy?
- 3. How was Jimmy feeling as they walked together?
- 4. What did Jimmy ask G.I. Joe to help him to do?
- 5. Why do you think Aunt Pol called G.I. Joe, "... Saint Action Man..."?

Fat Boy Swim-Chapter Twelve

- 1. Why is today such an important day for Jimmy?
- 2. Who is Mrs. Hughes?
- 3. Who did Chantal and Senga have trapped in a corner?
- 4. List two surprising things Jimmy did.
- 5. By the end of the chapter, what is the main thing on Jimmy's mind?

Fat Boy Swim-Chapter Thirteen

- 1. What is the name of the assignment Mrs. Hughes set?
- 2. What is Jimmy's ambition in ten years time?
- 3. Why did Jimmy say he would probably be, "...working in an office..."?
- 4. Name the three boys who dragged Jimmy into the toilet.
- 5. In your own words describe what they did to Jimmy. (100 words maximum)

Fat Boy Swim-Chapter Fourteen

- 1. Name the domestic science teacher.
- 2. Who else was told to go to domestic science during P.E.?
- 3. Why did Busty make such a fuss over Ellie tying her hair back?
- 4. What do Jimmy and Ellie have to bake?
- 5. What are Ellie's two nicknames?
- 6. Describe in your own words what Jimmy and Ellie did with some of the éclairs. (50 words maximum)
- 7. Why do you think Jimmy was in such high spirits by the end of the chapter?
- 8. Who called Jimmy at the end of the chapter and what did he say?

Fat Boy Swim-Chapter Fifteen

- Describe the swimming pool in your own words. (50 words maximum)
- 2. Why did the woman and her daughter laugh?
- 3. Who did Jimmy meet in the changing rooms?
- 4. Who prevented Jimmy's towel from landing on the ground?

Fat Boy Swim-Chapter Sixteen

- 1. How did G.I. Joe describe Jimmy's bullies?
- 2. What words from the spectators put Jimmy off balance?
- 3. Who sat staring at Jimmy from the spectators' gallery?
- 4. What do you think he is thinking and why?

Fat Boy Swim-Chapter Seventeen

- 1. Why did Jimmy feel annoyed about his lesson?
- 2. Why was Victor removed from the pool?
- 3. Where did he go once removed?
- 4. What do you think is on Victor's mind? (50 words maximum)

Fat Boy Swim-Chapter Eighteen

- 1. Why was Jimmy celebrating?
- 2. Why did Jimmy insist on going to school?
- 3. What did G.I. Joe give to Jimmy?
- 4. Where did Jimmy believe they came from?

Fat Boy Swim-Chapter Nineteen

- 1. What did Jimmy have for Ellie?
- 2. What name did Senga call Victor by?
- 3. Why is Victor jealous of Jimmy?
- 4. What news did Jimmy tell Ellie after the incident with Victor and Senga in the classroom?
- 5. Why did Jimmy lie to his Mum about where he was going?
- 6. What did G.I. Joe say that shocked Jimmy at the end of the chapter?

Fat Boy Swim-Chapter Twenty

- 1. How has swimming affected Jimmy's diet OR food intake?
- 2. Why did Ellie ask to meet Jimmy next week?
- 3. What was the nature of Victor's injury?
- 4. What reason does Ellie give Jimmy for his behaviour?
- 5. Why do you think Jimmy was kind towards Chantal?

Fat Boy Swim-Chapter Twenty One

- 1. Why was Jimmy's face scarlet?
- 2. What new stroke was Jimmy going to learn?
- 3. Who was G.I. Joe talking to at the poolside?
- 4. What did he suggest to Jimmy by the end of the chapter?
- 5. What was Jimmy shocked to see at the end of the chapter?

Fat Boy Swim-Chapter Twenty Two

- 1. Where had Aunt Pol been?
- 2. Why was Jimmy feeling restless?
- 3. Who did he meet in the changing rooms?
- 4. Why did Victor lunge forward to touch the wall of the pool as he and Jimmy were swimming?
- 5. Who did Dog Breath actually spit on?
- 6. Who helped Jimmy in the First Aid room?
- 7. What did he say to confuse Jimmy?

Fat Boy Swim-Chapter Twenty Three

- 1. Why did Jimmy lie to Aunt Pol about how he hurt his eye?
- 2. How much weight has Jimmy lost so far?
- 3. Why did Jimmy's Mum not agree with G.I. Joe about Jimmy' secret swimming lessons?
- 4. Why do you think Mum and Aunt Pol are against Jimmy swimming?

Fat Boy Swim-Chapter Twenty Four

- 1. What did Jimmy discover about Aunt Pol?
- 2. What did Jimmy discover about his Dad?
- 3. Why is Jimmy finding it difficult to sleep?
- 4. Why do you think Jimmy decided to go ahead with the Swimathon?

Fat Boy Swim-Chapter Twenty Five

- When did Jimmy's mother find out Aunt Pol was pregnant?
- 2. What did Fr. Patrick suggest they do with baby Jimmy?
- 3. What had Jimmy never noticed about his Granny(Mum) before?

Fat Boy Swim-Chapter Twenty Six

- 1. Why do you think G.I. Joe told Jimmy not to worry about winning?
- 2. Why do you think the other competitors were described as, "...looking worried..."?
- 3. Page 214 "Look of disbelief in Victor's eyes..." Why was this better than winning to Jimmy?
- 4. Who won the Swimathon?
- 5. Who did Jimmy want to be there?

Fat Boy Swim-Chapter Twenty Seven

- 1. Why did Jimmy come through the changing room door like a 'gladiator'?
- 2. Who interrupted Jimmy's joy? What did he say?
- 3. Why do you think nobody joined in with Victor's insults?
- 4. Why did Victor say he let Jimmy win?
- 5. How did Jimmy react? (50 words maximum)

Fat Boy Swim-Chapter Twenty Eight

- 1. Why did Jimmy feel annoyed with himself?
- 2. What did Barry say to shock Jimmy?
- 3. Who told Barry Jimmy's news?
- 4. What is Jimmy's wish?
- 5. What does G.I. Joe tell Jimmy about him and Aunt Pol?
- 6. What did G.I. Joe do at the age of sixteen?
- 7. In your own words can you explain why Jimmy is not feeling good by the end of the chapter. (100 words maximum)

Fat Boy Swim-Chapter Twenty Nine

- 1. Why did Jimmy not notice Victor and his gang insulting him?
- 2. Why did Jimmy want to slip away before the end of the fundraiser?
- 3. Why had today been one of the best days Jimmy could remember?
- 4. Why could Dog Breath and Maddo not believe that Jimmy was the chef?

Fat Boy Swim-Chapter Thirty

- 1. Why did Jimmy have to stay at the fundraiser?
- 2. What did Fr. Patrick say that caused Ellie to stand up for Jimmy?
- 3. In your own words, how did the members of St. Jude's choir react when they discovered that Jimmy was the chef? (100 words maximum)

Fat Boy Swim-Chapter Thirty One

- 1. What did everyone think of Jimmy's food?
- 2. What did Jimmy say about G.I. Joe?
- 3. What did Ellie say about Jimmy?

Fat Boy Swim-Chapter Thirty Two

- 1. Who vandalised the Swimathon posters?
- 2. Why did G.I. Joe tell Ellie to take Jimmy outside?
- 3. What happened at the end of the chapter with Jimmy and Ellie?

Fat Boy Swim-Chapter Thirty Two

- 1. Where was Jimmy's Mum?
- 2. Where did she move to?
- 3. Why did Living with Aunt Pol not work out?
- 4. Where is G.I. Joe going?
- 5. Who did Mum and Barry find in Ireland?
- 6. Why do you think Jimmy turns to G.I. Joe for advice?
- 7. List two of Jimmy's main worries about his Dad.

Fat Boy Swim-Chapter Thirty Four

- 1. What other pictures are on G.I. Joe's wall, besides Jimmy's?
- 2. What do you think G.I. Joe's words to Victor mean?

Fat Boy Swim-Chapter Thirty Five

- 1. What was Hamblin's excuse for having Jimmy in goals?
- 2. Why did Hamblin think Jimmy was at a slimming club?
- 3. What did Victor say to anger Jimmy?
- 4. What does Hamblin tell us about Victor and his football team?
- 5. Why was Victor staying behind in the showers deliberately?
- 6. What are your thoughts on Jimmy and how he is towards Victor at the end of the chapter? (100 words maximum)