

Cliffhanger
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I *knew* I'd hate it. I kept telling and telling Dad. But he wouldn't listen to me. He never does. "I like the sound of this adventure holiday for children," said Dad, pointing to the advert in the paper. "Abseiling, canoeing, archery, mountain biking..."

"Sounds a bit dangerous to me," said Mum.

I didn't say anything. I went on watching telly.

"How about it Tim?" said Dad. "What about an adventure holiday, eh?"

"You can't be serious! Tim's much too young," said Mum.

I still didn't say anything. I went on watching telly. But my heart had started thumping under my T-shirt.

"He's nine, for goodness sake!" said Dad.

"But he's young for his age," said Mum.