

FORMAT SAMPLE 1

Title – GOING HOME

Time: The present

Setting: The play takes place in a room of the Smith family's home. There is a sofa, 2 chairs and a table. There are small children's toys around the room. There is a door leading out, and a doorway to the kitchen. **JEFF SMITH**, 15 sits on the sofa, totally focused on his video game. We hear the sound of explosions coming from the TV. Steve is yelling at the TV.

JEFF

Oh, come on! That was a direct hit! Fall over already!

(MARY SMITH, Jeff's mom, enters through the front door carrying groceries.)

MARY

Turn it down, Jeff. How many times do I have to tell you? And I hope you've finished your homework, you know the rules. No TV until the homework is completed. (JEFF continues to focus on the TV). Did you hear me? Jeff!

(MARY crosses to the TV and shuts it off)

JEFF

Mom! I was in the middle of the game. I was winning! Why did you do that?

MARY

Where are the twins?

JEFF

I don't know. They were just here. Did you look in the kitchen? I think Jenna asked me if they could have a snack.

MARY

Jenna, Jimmy get in here. (She goes to the kitchen door and opens it.) Mommy's home with a surprise for you!

(She goes into the kitchen and comes right back.)

They're not in there. Go check the other room. Honestly, Jeff. I told you to keep an eye on them while I went to the store. I trusted you to take care of them. I ask you to do one simple thing!

(JEFF runs upstairs and comes down looking worried.)

JEFF

They're not there. I checked the bathroom, too. They must have left. Sorry, mom. I'll check. Their shoes are still here, they can't have gone far.

MARY

I'll check with the neighbors. You are in serious trouble, young man.