

## TAKE TWO SENTENCES

1 There were two sausages. They were on a plate.

2 There were two golden, juicy sausages. They were on a cobalt, willow-patterned plate.

3 There on the cobalt, willow-patterned plate lay two sausages: golden, plump and glistening. As I approached the table, my mouth began to water: I had not eaten for two days – since my father had walked out of the front door carrying his old, battered suitcase.

4 There on the cobalt willow-patterned plate, nestling alongside a generous pile of chips, lay two plump sausages, golden and glistening. As I approached the table, my mouth began to water and pangs of anticipation cramped my stomach: it had been two whole days since I had eaten – two whole days since my mother and I had watched in disbelief as my father walked from the house carrying his battered old leather suitcase in one hand and a black umbrella in the other.