

## The heat is on

**Áine:** Help! I have an essay due in tomorrow and it's on 'climate action' and I haven't the faintest notion where to start. It's just such a huge topic. It's melting my head.

**Mam:** Well, that's just typical you, isn't it? Leaving everything to the last minute. Let's hope that policy makers don't actually leave climate change action until the last minute or it'll be more than your head that is melted, it'll be the polar ice caps. And then we're all doomed. Goodbye Galway, bye bye Belfast, and all that.

**Áine:** Thanks for the pep talk, Mam. But that's not actually helping. I have to do something now.

**Mam:** Well, you know what they say: 'Think globally, act locally'. Reduce your plastic waste and your energy consumption. Remember a bag when you go shopping, say no to fast fashion, unplug your chargers when you're not using them, that kind of thing.

**Áine:** I was actually talking about my essay not the climate there. But thanks for the tips. Bit rich though, coming from someone whose generation got us into this mess.

**Mam:** Playing the blame game will get you nowhere. Especially not with your essay. A little less conversation, a little more action please!