

To swear or not to swear

- 1 **SIR**, LOSING YOUR rag seems to be the order of the week. There have been reports of Susan Boyle, the star of *Britain's Got Talent*, launching four-lettered tirades in her London hotel. And the Manchester United manager, Sir Alex Ferguson, showed a bit of the fire that had been lacking from his team in the Champions League final when he dismissed a journalist's "bloody stupid question" in the post-match press conference in Rome.
- 2 It is often said that obscenities and temper tantrums from public figures coarsen our culture and set a bad example to children. All, doubtless, true. But consider, for a moment, a world in which every figure in public life is a model of decency, in which no famous person ever loses their temper. Civil? Yes. Boring? Beyond belief.
- 3 The truth is that we need some grit in the oyster. It does us good to see people in the public eye flying off the handle from time to time. Britain's got talent, but it also needs a bit of industrial language too, occasionally.

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Tekst 1 To swear or not to swear

- 3p 1 Geef van elk van de onderstaande citaten aan of het in de tekst wel of niet gebruikt wordt als beschrijving van schelden, vloeken en/of wangedrag.
- 1 “losing your rag” (alinea 1)
 - 2 “showed a bit of the fire” (alinea 1)
 - 3 “obscenities and temper tantrums” (alinea 2)
 - 4 “a model of decency” (alinea 2)
 - 5 “flying off the handle” (alinea 3)
 - 6 “industrial language” (alinea 3)
- Noteer het nummer van elk citaat, gevolgd door “wel” of “niet”.
- 1p 2 In which paragraph(s) does Kevin Brown give his personal opinion?
- A Only in 1.
 - B Only in 2.
 - C Only in 3.
 - D Both in 1 and 2.
 - E Both in 1 and 3.
 - F Both in 2 and 3.

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