

Tekst 4

- 1p 4 Welke toon gebruikt de schrijver in deze ingezonden brief?
De toon is
- A bewonderend.
 - B bezorgd.
 - C onverschillig.
 - D spottend.
 - E woedend.

Off yew¹⁾ go, yew poisonous so-and-so

A year ago Bristol-council planted 100 yew¹⁾ trees on the Blaise Castle estate in the city. This week they cut them all down. A 'risk assessment' had decided that there was a danger that children might eat them.

I found this odd. I have several yew trees in my garden, and two young children, and I now realise it is miraculous that the

latter have not been hideously damaged by eating the former. It might have something to do with the fact (a) that children do not feel the urge to eat trees, whatever the health and safety fascists might think and (b) even if they did, one of the jobs of the parent is to advise them of the unsuitability of doing so. Yet it is an abiding principle of the health and safety industry that the worst must be assumed at all times – which is why, not long ago, another council axed its chestnut trees in case the conkers rained down, possibly fatally, on heads passing underneath. I think the time has come to lock children up 24 hours a day, and only let them out over the age of 18 in appropriate protective clothing.

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Child killer in action

noot 1: Yew = taxus, een bepaald soort boom of struik

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