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The Department for Education and Skills is apparently considering boosting the brainpower of schoolchildren by feeding them capsules of fish oil. Er, fish oil? Yes, it seems that Alan Johnson, the Education Secretary, is convinced that the answer to illiterate and innumerate kids is a daily dose of the omega-3 fatty acids found in our scaly friends.

That's all very well. But if fish are so full of brain-boosting oils, how come so many of them end up battered, beheaded and lightly sprinkled with salt and vinegar?

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- A As angry.
 - B As ironic.
 - C As matter-of-fact.
 - D As surprised.