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Can an economist dig a hole without another filling it?

Sir, When you pay for a hole to be dug you can see the job has been done. Can any economist demonstrate their benefit just as tangibly without another disputing it? It seems not. The endless conflicting debates between professional economists leads me to wonder what value they have when their views constantly cancel each other out.

Perhaps an economist should calculate the cost of training and employing all the economists in the UK to see what the country could save by discarding them, leaving just a handful of academics to publish their theories for us to argue over in the pub, then forget about them. At least we'd have some spare cash to invest more in sport, which does more to lift the spirits than any economist ever will.

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Let op: beantwoord een open vraag altijd in het Nederlands, behalve als het anders is aangegeven. Als je in het Engels antwoordt, levert dat 0 punten op.

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- “Can an economist dig a hole without another filling it?” (titel)
- 1p 1 Wat wordt met deze vraag in twijfel getrokken?
Leg uit in je eigen woorden.
- 1p 2 How can the tone of this letter be characterised best?
- A advisory
 - B cautionary
 - C matter-of-fact
 - D mocking