

## Korrekturhinweise

### Childhood Freedom

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### Begründungen

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The speaker says: "They have all been on buses by themselves and certainly on the tube from at least age 10 by themselves." At the age of 10, Caroline's children are therefore allowed to use some kinds of public transport on their own.

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The speaker says: "We've had some good family friends in Poland for a number of years and my children have wanted to go and visit them so they have gone as unaccompanied minors on British Airways where an 'aunty' is provided – you pay £50 for each journey and any child from six years of age can go on a plane by themselves. Interestingly my children find it rather suffocating because this person is with you all the time, you can go to the toilet by yourself, but apart from that this person is stuck to you like glue and in fact they find it rather irritating." On their flight to Poland, Caroline's children were therefore looked after by a special airline employee.

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The speaker says: "Interestingly I once had my nephew on holiday with me and he, of his own choosing, has been very dependent and he was water skiing in a park with my children and he had a tummy ache and he had a phone and he must have phoned me 20, 30 times about the various stages of his tummy ache." When Caroline's nephew went water skiing, he therefore called her repeatedly to tell her about his upset stomach.

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The speaker says: "With my children, because they have to get from A to B, they are much more resourceful so when there is a problem, and life is full of problems and I think as a parent we are doing no service to our children by ironing over every little problem, making everything easy, they'll go to university and the first crisis, the first girlfriend that leaves them, the first time there is a problem they won't be able to cope." Caroline thinks children should therefore be independent because otherwise they cannot deal with difficulties.

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The speaker says: "We went on holiday this year abroad and we stayed in a complex, which even though it is kind of locked in, you are still aware that people can get in the complex so I think there is that, I call it the 'Maddie' effect, you know, we are all much more aware of what is going on around those places." Therefore, when Wendy and her family went on holiday, they lived in a fairly secure accommodation.

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The speaker says: "I'm very aware, you know, that we live in a city where things can happen in a heartbeat, everything can change in a heartbeat and I think when you grow up in that kind of environment, you wanna protect your kids." Wendy therefore knows that living in a city means that a situation can alter in only an instant.

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The speaker says: "I'm very independent woman and I grew up travelling a lot and going away and I remember, you know, going off to India and my mum kind of look at me in dismay." When growing up, Wendy was therefore a very autonomous young woman.

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The speaker says: "She is so easily distracted; she'll be thinking about playing with her friend next door or something that is going on in school or something far more exciting [...] than quite paying enough attention." Wendy's daughter therefore isn't always focused.