

Questions for discussion

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Governor-General

- 1. Summarise the BtN Governor-General story.
- 2. The Governor-General does not have the power to fire the Prime Minister. True or false?
- 3. Who is the current Governor-General?
- 4. What jobs has General Peter Cosgrove had in the past?
- 5. Describe what Governor-General John Kerr did in 1975.
- 6. Who is Australia's head of state?
- 7. Who does the Governor-General represent?
- 8. Describe some of the duties the Governor-General performs.
- 9. What skills do you think a Governor-General should have?
- 10. What do you understand more clearly since watching the BtN story?

Write a short biography about General Peter Cosgrove. Display the information in an interesting way.

Shark Cull

- 1. Which state has recently introduced a shark culling program?
- 2. Why was the program introduced?
- 3. In your own words, describe what a cull is.
- 4. What is the aim of the shark cull?
- 5. Which species' of sharks can be killed?
- 6. How long do the sharks have to be?
- 7. Give one argument for and one against culling sharks.
- 8. Do you think that the shark cull will make the beach safer for people? Why or why not?
- 9. Should sharks be culled? Have your say in the BtN online poll. To vote head to the BtN website http://abc.net.au/btn/polls.htm
- 10. How did this story make you feel?

Check out BtN's *Shark Cull* teacher resource on the BtN Teachers page http://www.abc.net.au/btn/teachers.htm

First Fleet

- 1. When is Australia Day?
- 2. Complete the following sentence: The day marks the anniversary of...
- 3. Describe life in Britain in the 1700s.
- 4. Why were prisoners transported to the colonies?
- 5. What sorts of crimes were committed by people who were transported?
- 6. How many ships transported convicts in the First Fleet?
- 7. What do you think life would have been like on board the ships in the First Fleet?



8.	New	was the name give to mainland	d Australia.

- 9. Who was the commander chosen to lead the colony?
- 10. Name three facts you learnt watching the BtN First Fleet story.

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Test your knowledge in the BtN First Fleet quiz http://www.abc.net.au/btn/quiz.htm

Mars Madness

- 1. Before you watch the BtN Mars Madness story write down what you know about Mars.
- 2. What is the Mars One project?
- 3. What is Tristan hoping to do?
- 4. Why was it a difficult decision for him?
- 5. How does Tristan describe life on Mars?
- 6. What sorts of projects will he be involved in?
- 7. What do you think would be some of the challenges of living on Mars?
- 8. Mars is also known as the _____ planet.
- 9. Would you live on Mars? Explain your answer.
- 10. What was surprising about this story?

Write a message about the story and post it in the comments section on the BtN *Mars Madness* story page. http://www.abc.net.au/btn/story/s3900132.htm .

Hot Koalas

- 1. Retell the Hot Koalas story in your own words.
- 2. Describe what has been happening to koalas over the summer.
- 3. How do they treat koalas that are dehydrated?
- 4. Koalas are native to Australia. True or false?
- 5. How does the koala's coat help keep them cool?
- 6. Why have so many koalas been struggling with the heat?
- 7. How can people help heat-stressed koalas?
- 8. The koala is an Australian icon. What do you think that means?
- 9. Illustrate an aspect of the story.
- 10. Koalas are
 - a. Marsupials
 - b. Monotremes
 - c. Reptiles

Create a quiz about koalas and give it to another student to try.

