

## Questions for discussion

Episode 6  
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### East vs. West

1. What are some things you learned as a result of watching this story?
2. The fighting in Ukraine is being describes as East versus \_\_\_\_\_
3. Name two countries that used to be part of the Soviet Union.
4. Which powerful country didn't get along with the Soviet Union?
5. The decades-long war between the East and the West was known as the:
  - a) Warm war
  - b) Cold war
  - c) Long war
6. Why do you think the Soviet Union was known as the "East"?
7. Is Russia known as part of the 'East' or the 'West'?
8. Crimea is part of Ukraine – True or False?
9. Why does Russia say it's sent soldiers into Crimea?
10. What side does US president Barack Obama support?

Write a profile of Ukraine, including information about its population, languages, geography and flag.

Write a message about the story and post it in the comments section on the story page <http://www.abc.net.au/btn/story/s3958250.htm>.

### World Heritage

1. In your own words, describe what World Heritage sites are.
2. Name three World Heritage sites.
3. Give some reasons why some places are put on the World Heritage list.
4. UNESCO is part of which organisation?
5. How many World Heritage sites are there in the world
  - a. 781
  - b. 881
  - c. 981
6. How many sites does Australia have?
7. Describe what is happening at Abbot Point in North Queensland.
8. Why are some people worried about the dredging?
9. What sorts of strict conditions will be placed on dredging?
10. Do you think it's important to protect World Heritage sites? Why?

Check out BtN's *World Heritage* teacher resource on the BtN Teachers page <http://www.abc.net.au/btn/teachers.htm>

Do the *World Heritage* quiz on the BtN website <http://www.abc.net.au/btn/quiz.htm>

### Screen Addiction

1. In your own words, describe what screen addiction is.
2. What are some of the advantages of smart technology like phones and tablets?
3. What do the kids mostly use their phones and tablets for?
4. Why does their dad say he checks his phone so much?

5. What part of the body does the chemical 'dopamine' affect?
6. Dopamine makes people feel:
  - a) Happy
  - b) Sad
  - c) Scared
7. What other parts of the body can be affected by too much screen time?
8. Why do you think some apps are addictive?
9. Do you think screen addiction is a problem? Why/why not?
10. How much time do you spend on a tablet, smart phone or computer? Keep a diary and calculate the number of hours per week you spend in front of a screen.

Vote in the poll. Go to <http://www.abc.net.au/btn/polls.htm>

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### Softdrink Ban

1. What are the students measuring?
2. How much does one teaspoon of sugar equal in grams?
3. How many teaspoons were there in the can of cola?
4. Apart from fizzy drinks, what other drinks can be high in sugar?
5. Which drink had the most sugar:
  - a) The flavoured milk?
  - b) The sports drink?
  - c) The orange juice?
6. What new rule does the ACT government want to bring in for schools?
7. Would it be the only state to ban sugary drinks in schools?
8. What percentage of Aussie kids have sugary drinks almost every day?
  - a) Nearly 25%
  - b) Almost 50%
  - c) About 70%
9. Do you think the government should do something to discourage people from buying sugary drinks?
10. What do you think the best solution would be?

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### Winter Stars

1. Was there anything that surprised you about the Paralympic sports in the story?
2. What does Vicki use to ski?
3. What sport does Jessica compete in at the summer Olympics?
4. What is Jessica's disability?
5. How does she ski?
6. What sports did Mitchell play as a kid?
7. What sport is he competing in at the Winter Paralympics?
8. What sort of personal qualities do you think you'd need to be a Paralympian?
9. How does technology help Paralympic athletes to compete?
10. What is your favourite Paralympic sport? Why?

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