

## Questions for discussion

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### Budget Taxes

1. In your own words, describe what tax is.
2. What are taxes used for?
3. What are some other words politicians use that mean tax?
4. What is income tax?
5. What are some other taxes?
6. Australians pay more than \_\_\_\_\_ different taxes each year.
7. Who collects most of the taxes, the federal or state governments?
8. What new taxes were announced in the federal budget?
9. Why do we need to pay taxes?
10. Name three things you learnt watching the *Budget Taxes* story.

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### Whaling

1. Which type of whale is the biggest creature on Earth?
2. Australia has never hunted whales. True or false?
3. What is the name of the fatty substance under a whale's skin?
4. In the past, what things were made from blubber? List three items.
5. What impact did whaling have on some species of whales?
6. In 1986, a number of countries signed an agreement to ban commercial whaling. Why did whaling continue after that?
7. Earlier this year, the International Court of Justice ruled that Japan couldn't hunt whales in the \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Why is the issue back in the news?
9. Why does Japan believe they should be allowed to continue to hunt whales?
10. Do you think that whaling should be allowed for cultural reasons? Explain your answer.

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

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### Electric Cars

1. What was the main point of the *Electric Cars* story?
2. Around the turn of the last century, electric cars were quite popular. True or false?
3. Why did the internal combustion engine take over?
4. What are some disadvantages of petrol engines?
5. What has been one of the problems with electric cars in the past?

6. How has battery technology changed?
7. In which country are electric cars popular?
8. What do some people in Western Australia want councils to do?
9. What other energy sources are used to power cars?
10. What do you think is the future of electric cars? Explain your answer.

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### Zambia Visit

1. Which country in Africa were the students visiting from? Locate using Google Maps.
2. Many of the students had been outside of Zambia before. True or false?
3. Describe some of the experiences the Australian students had when they visited Zambia.
4. What were some of the differences the Zambian students experienced on their trip to Adelaide?
5. What was the main reason for their visit?
6. What did the students learn about conservation?
7. Which Australian food did the Zambian kids try?
  - a. Vegemite
  - b. Meat pie
  - c. Anzac biscuits
8. How is the wildlife in Australia different to the wildlife in Zambia?
9. Illustrate an aspect of the *Zambia Visit* story.
10. What are the benefits of visiting another country? Discuss with another student.

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

### The King's Kids

1. What is the name of the play being performed?
2. About half of the performers in the King and I are \_\_\_\_\_ and under.
3. How long has Riley been studying theatre and dance?
4. Why do actors audition for parts in plays?
5. Which part does Riley play?
6. How did he react when he found out he got the part?
7. Describe the costumes and music in The King and I.
8. Why do the performers need to be committed?
9. Where would Riley love to perform one day?
10. What was surprising about this story?

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