

Questions for discussion

Episode 14
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University Changes

1. What can people study at university?
2. Why have some people been protesting?
3. What decision did the government make in 1974?
4. Why did the government introduce HECS?
5. When did they introduce it?
6. Students repay money under HECS when they earn more than _____.
7. Under the proposed changes, universities will be allowed to charge whatever they want. True or false?
8. What are some advantages of the proposed changes?
9. What are some disadvantages?
10. Do you think universities should be allowed to charge whatever they want? Explain your answer.

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Indigenous Languages

1. Summarise the BtN story.
2. What does Reconciliation Week celebrate?
3. The kids in the BtN story are singing songs in which Indigenous language?
4. About how many Indigenous languages are there in Australia?
5. What has happened to Indigenous languages since European settlement?
6. What are the kids in the BtN story doing to keep their language alive?
7. What has learning Noongar taught the kids?
8. Why is it important to keep Indigenous languages alive?
9. Why is preserving Indigenous languages difficult?
10. Do you think all school kids should learn an Indigenous language? Explain your answer.

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

School Hours

1. Discuss the issues raised in the BtN story with another student.
2. What changes is a school in the UK going to make?
3. Why have they decided to make these changes?
4. What is melatonin and how does it work?

5. Complete the following sentence: Scientists have found that teenagers release melatonin later which means...
6. When does Gabriel say that he works best?
7. What benefits does the school think there are in students starting school later?
8. What are some disadvantages of the plan?
9. Do you think school should start later? Why or why not?
10. How have your sleep patterns changed over the past 2-3 years?

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

Macquarie Success

1. Where is Macquarie Island? Locate it on a map.
2. Describe the weather on Macquarie Island.
3. Which animals were introduced to Macquarie Island?
4. What impact did the animals have on the island?
5. Why is Macquarie Island unique?
6. How have authorities removed the pests from the island?
7. How much has the pest removal program cost?
8. Describe the role dogs have played in removing the pests.
9. What jobs do the dogs do after working on Macquarie Island?
10. What do you understand more clearly since watching the BtN story?

Do the *Macquarie Success* quiz on the BtN website <http://www.abc.net.au/btn/quiz.htm>
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AFL Kids

1. Retell the AFL Kids story in your own words.
2. What are some of the challenges of playing AFL football?
3. Where do the kids in the BtN story come from?
4. Which team did Zeph Skinner play for?
5. Why did he quit?
6. Why was living in Melbourne difficult for Zeph?
7. How does the North West Football Academy help young players?
8. It's hoped that the young players who make it to the AFL will be better _____.
9. What is Sam hoping to achieve?
10. What was surprising about this story?

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