

## Questions for discussion

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### Aus Post Issues

1. Discuss the issues raised in the BtN story with another student.
2. How has the way people communicate changed over the years?
3. Why are fewer letters being delivered these days?
4. How long has Australia Post been delivering mail?
5. Who owns Australia Post?
6. While the number of letters being delivered has decreased, the number of \_\_\_\_\_ being delivered has increased.
7. What did the CEO of Australia Post announce recently?
8. About what percentage of Aussies buy things online
  - a. 25%
  - b. 50%
  - c. 75%
9. Respond to the following statement: Australia Post might give people the option to get letters delivered on or two days a week instead of every day.
10. Working in pairs, brainstorm how the postal system might change in the future.

Write a message about the story and post it in the comments section on the story page.

### Refugee Camp

1. What is a refugee? Share your definition with another student.
2. Why have the Hariri family moved from Syria to Jordan?
3. Locate Syria and Jordan using Google maps.
4. How long have they been living in a refugee camp?
5. How has Zaatari Refugee Camp changed in two years?
6. About how many kids live in the refugee camp?
7. What were the Hariri family living in when they arrived at the camp?
8. What does Dina's mum do to help out in the camp?
9. What do the Hariri family say is the most important thing?
10. How did this story make you feel? Leave a comment on the *Refugee Camp* story page.

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

### 5c Change

1. What was the main point of the BtN story?
2. Where are Australian coins made?
3. The Mint can make up to \_\_\_\_\_ coins a day.
4. In what year did Australia change from pounds, shillings and pence to dollars and cents?
5. When were 1c and 2c coins phased out?
6. How much does the 5c coin cost to make?
7. What are some disadvantages of phasing out 5c coins?

8. What are the advantages?
9. Do you think 5c coins are still useful? Explain your answer.
10. What was surprising about this story?

Should we get rid of the 5 cent coin? Vote in the BtN poll. Go to <http://www.abc.net.au/btn/polls.htm>  
Check out the BtN *5c Change* teacher resource on the Teachers page  
<http://www.abc.net.au/btn/teachers.htm>

### Brazil Profile

1. Before you watch the *Brazil Profile* story, record what you know about the country.
2. On which continent is Brazil?
3. About how many people live in Brazil? How does it compare to the population of Australia?
4. What language do most people speak?
5. The currency of Brazil is called the \_\_\_\_\_.
6. What products does Brazil export to other countries?
7. Describe what life is like for Brazilians living in poverty.
8. Why have many Brazilians been protesting about the World Cup?
9. What are the benefits of hosting a huge sporting event like the World Cup?
10. Name three facts you learnt watching the BtN story.

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### Reality TV

1. Before you watch the BtN story, record what you know about reality television shows.
2. Why do you think reality TV shows are popular?
3. Describe some of the elements of a reality TV show.
4. Why do reality TV shows create different characters?
5. What role can editing play in reality TV programs?
6. What techniques do they use to make them more interesting?
7. Why is emotion an important element in reality TV programs?
8. What was Jules's experience of being on Masterchef?
9. What might be some of the challenges for contestants after the shows have finished?
10. Do you watch reality TV shows? If so, which ones and why?

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