

Questions for discussion

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New Senate

1. Briefly explain the BtN *New Senate* story to another student.
2. Name the major political parties.
3. What does 'balance of power' mean?
4. Who holds the balance of power in the Senate?
5. What does the Senate vote on?
6. In the Senate minor parties and independents don't have much influence on the Government. True or false?
7. How many senators does the Palmer United Party have?
8. Name three new members of the Senate.
9. What tax did the government get rid of recently?
10. What do you understand more clearly since watching the BtN story?

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

Australian Energy

1. Discuss the issues raised in the *Australian Energy* story with another student.
2. What is renewable and non renewable energy? Give an example of each.
3. From which source of energy does Australia get most of its electricity?
4. What are the advantages and disadvantages of coal?
5. Why can renewable energy cost more than fossil fuels like coal?
6. Why is coal valuable to Australia's economy?
7. At the moment, what is the government's renewable energy target?
8. What do some people think will happen to that target?
9. Do you think Australia should use more renewable energy sources? Explain your answer.
10. What three facts did you learn from the *Australian Energy* story?

Should Australia use more renewable energy, even if it costs us more?? Vote in the BtN poll. Go to
<http://www.abc.net.au/btn/polls.htm>

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Korean War

1. Why did Amy visit Korea recently?
2. Who was South Korea fighting against?
 - a) West Korea
 - b) North Korea
 - c) United Korea

3. Why did Australia get involved in the Korean War?
4. How many Australian soldiers were killed in the war?
5. On which significant day were the kids in Korea?
6. Which Battle was being commemorated?
 - a) Battle of Long Tan
 - b) Battle of Pyongyang
 - c) Battle of Kapyong
7. How does Amy describe the relationship between North and South Korea?
8. What is the piece of land called where no fighting is allowed?
9. What do the prayer ribbons symbolise?
10. How did this story make you feel?

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

Sport Supplements

1. Before you watch the BtN story, write down what you know about sport supplements.
2. What sorts of food does Angus eat to stay healthy?
3. What did a recent study find?
4. What are sports supplements? Give an example.
5. Why are some kids taking sports supplements?
6. What are sport supplements designed to do?
7. Why shouldn't kids be taking supplements?
8. How can kids stay healthy without taking supplements?
9. What have you learnt about sports supplements as a result of watching this story?
10. What was surprising about this story?

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

Metal Sculpture Kid

1. Briefly summarise the BtN story.
2. How old is Flynn?
3. Why does he find sport difficult?
4. What materials does Flynn use to make the sculptures?
5. Why does Flynn like to use recycled materials?
6. Describe the process of making the sculptures.
7. What equipment does he need?
8. Describe Flynn's first sculpture.
9. Finish the following sentence: In the future, Flynn would like to...
10. Illustrate an aspect of this story.

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