

Questions for discussion

Episode 31
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GST Changes

1. In your own words, describe what tax is.
2. What are taxes used for?
3. What does GST stand for?
4. Name three products that you **don't** pay GST on.
5. Which products do you buy that have GST on them?
6. What is the difference between goods and services?
7. GST makes up ____% of the price we pay for things.
8. What changes might the government make to the GST?
9. Why is the government thinking of making the changes?
10. Name three things you learnt watching the *GST Changes* story.

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

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

Piracy Crackdown

1. Discuss the issues raised in the *Piracy Crackdown* story with another student.
2. What is a Hollywood film company trying to do?
3. What is an internet service provider?
4. Do you think internet service providers should give out their customer's details? Why or why not?
5. Why do you think people illegally download movies or music?
6. What impact does piracy have on the TV, film and music industries?
7. What percentage of Australians aged between 18 and 64 download illegally
 - a. 10%
 - b. 30%
 - c. 50%
8. What are some solutions to the piracy issue?
9. What do you think the consequences of piracy should be?
10. Should people have the right to privacy even if they've done something wrong?

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

Music Education

1. Describe the *Music count us in* event.
2. Who wrote the song this year?

3. How did Winona get involved in *Music count us in*?
4. What are the benefits of learning music?
5. What did the curriculum review recommend about music being taught in schools?
6. Which two arts subjects did they say should be made elective?
7. Do you agree with this? Explain your answer.
8. Should it be compulsory to learn all arts subjects at primary school? Why or why not?
9. Do you like learning music? Explain your answer.
10. What is your favourite style of music? Why?

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Skipping School

1. Before you watch this story, make some predictions about what you think it will be about.
2. What is a school in Tasmania planning to do if students miss school?
3. What are some schools in the UK doing if kids are absent?
4. Why do kids miss school? Give some reasons.
5. How can missing school affect your learning?
6. If you miss about three weeks of school per year, that's _____ of school by the end of year 6.
7. Do you think it's ok for kids to miss school when it's their birthday or they go on holiday?
8. When do you think it's ok for kids to miss school?
9. How has your thinking changed since watching the BtN story?
10. Hold a class discussion about the issue. Compare the responses with the BtN online poll.

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

Grave Mission

1. Briefly describe the *Grave Mission* story to another student.
2. What is the 'Adopt-a-Grave' program?
3. What work are the kids doing to help clean up the cemetery?
4. Why are the students wearing protective clothing?
5. What are they using to clean the ironwork on the graves?
6. What else are they learning about?
7. Why did the students visit the state library?
8. How do the kids feel about their work at the cemetery?
9. What is community service?
10. What was surprising about this story?

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