

## Questions for discussion

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### Capital Punishment

1. In which country are two Australian criminals being punished with death?
2. They were part of a group called the \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_?
3. Why were they arrested?
4. In which year were they arrested?
5. The death penalty is also referred to as...
6. Australia has never introduced the death penalty. True or false?
7. In which year did Australia remove capital punishment from their laws?
8. What has helped criminals in Australian jails turn their lives around?
9. Name some countries that still have capital punishment laws for some crimes.
10. How did this story make you feel? Discuss as a class. Visit BtN's [Upsetting News](#) page.

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

### Census Changes

1. Currently, how often does Australia hold the census?
2. What change does the Australian government want to make to the census?
3. The census collects \_\_\_\_\_ every person in Australia. (*money from, information about or ideas from*)
4. In which year did Australia first hold the census?
  - a. 1811
  - b. 1911
  - c. 2011
5. Make a list of the sort of information that the census collects.
6. How can Australians fill out the census?
7. The census is not a compulsory survey for all Australians. True or false?
8. What sort of questions are optional in the census?
9. Explain why the census is important for the government.
10. Why does the government want to make the census every 10 years? Discuss as a class.

Check out the BtN *Census Changes* resource on the Teachers page

<http://www.abc.net.au/btn/teachers.htm>

Would you be happy to only have the census every 10 years to save money? Vote in the BtN poll. Go to <http://www.abc.net.au/btn/polls.htm>

### Wave Energy

1. Where in Australia are scientists experimenting with wave energy? Locate using Google Maps.
2. Where does wave energy come from?

- a. Swimming pools
  - b. Lakes
  - c. Oceans
3. Where does the energy in a wave come from?
  4. What percentage of the earth's surface is covered in water?
  5. Explain how friction is caused to create a wave.
  6. In which two Australian states are the waves most powerful?
  7. Illustrate how wave energy is harvested. (*Include turbines, an electricity grid, buoys, pipes, and an on-shore plant in your diagram*)
  8. In the story, what is the electricity from wave energy powering?
  9. Why are some people concerned about the use of wave energy generators?
  10. Wave energy is a renewable source of electricity. True or false?

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### Drought Doco

1. Before watching this story, talk about what you know about drought.
2. Why did Ellen decide to make a video about her Grandpa's farm?
3. Where is her grandpa's farm? Locate using Google Maps.
4. What caused the drought?
5. How did the drought affect her grandpa's animals?
6. How has Ellen's family been helping all the cattle survive during the drought?
7. Who is Fergus? How did this story make you feel?
8. Drought is expensive. What does this mean?
9. How did Ellen's story help you understand more about drought?
10. Write a message of support to Ellen and post it in the comments section on the story page.

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### Kid Business

1. What does Loki design?
2. Where does he sell his designs?
3. Describe some of Loki's first designs that got him inspired to start a business.
4. What is Loki's business called?
5. What is the printing technique called that Loki uses? Explain the process.
6. How does Loki keep people updated about his business? What types of social media does he use?
7. What was involved in setting up his business? Explain some of the steps.
8. What are some of the challenges Loki faced?
9. What surprised you about this story?
10. Do you have any creative ideas for a new business? Explain.

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