

## Questions for discussion

Episode 14  
26<sup>th</sup> May 2015

### Reconciliation Week

1. Discuss the issues raised in the *Reconciliation Week* story with another student and record the main points of your discussion.
2. Explain what National Reconciliation Week is in your own words.
3. Why did Jasirah decide to conduct the hug test?
4. Explain why Jasirah wants to increase trust between indigenous and non-indigenous people?
5. How is the school class in the story celebrating Reconciliation Week?
6. What language are the kids learning? Do some research to find out how many indigenous languages are spoken in Australia.
7. List 3 ways you think Australia could become a more equal and accepting place. Discuss your ideas with the class.
8. Why do you think it's important for all kids to be learning about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture?
9. How does your school support reconciliation?
10. How did this story make you feel?

Check out the BtN [Reconciliation Week](#) resource on the Teachers page.

### Iron Ore

1. Discuss the *Iron Ore* story with another student. Record the main points of your discussion.
2. What is iron ore?
3. What is the process called for getting iron out of rock?
4. Iron plus what other element makes steel?
5. Steel is most commonly used in construction because it's strong and \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Explain what an alloy is.
7. How long have humans been producing and using iron?
8. Most of Australia's iron ore reserves are in the Pilbara region. Locate this region on a map.
9. The price of iron ore has fallen from \$135 per tonne to below \$50 per tonne. True or False.
10. Why has the price of iron ore dropped?

Do the [Iron Ore quiz](#) on the BtN website

### Quarantine

1. In your own words, describe what the BtN *Quarantine* story is about.
2. Who is Australia's Minister for Agriculture?
3. Why is the 'Minister for Agriculture' concerned about Johnny Depp's dogs arriving in Australia illegally?
4. Explain what 'quarantine' means.
5. Why are there quarantine areas at airports?

6. How long should a dog go into a quarantine facility in Australia when it arrives from overseas?
7. Australia has strict biosecurity rules. Discuss with another student what this means.
8. How many things should Johnny Depp have done before bringing his dogs in Australia?
9. How long before animals travel to Australia do their owners need to start preparing for quarantine?
10. List 5 things a dog owner needs to do before bringing their pet into Australia.

Vote in the Behind the News [online poll](#).

### Debating Championship

1. The teams debating in the BtN story were competing in the...
2. In your own words, describe what a debate is.
3. How many speakers are there on each debating team?
4. How long did the students get to prepare their argument?
5. How can you make a good argument?
6. Who won the debate?
7. What advice do the students give about debating?
8. How does debating help students with their school work?
9. How can it help with different jobs?
10. What was surprising about this story?

Check out the BtN [Debating Championship](#) on the Teachers page.

### Coober Pedy

1. In which state is Coober Pedy?
2. What special anniversary is the town celebrating?
3. Which gemstone is mined at Coober Pedy?
4. In your own words, describe what an opal looks like.
5. Why is Coober Pedy known as the 'opal capital of the world'?
6. Most people in Coober Pedy live \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Give reasons why most people live in dugouts.
8. What do Evanna and Robert like about living in Coober Pedy?
9. How did the town celebrate turning 100?
10. What did you learn watching the *Coober Pedy* story?

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