

Questions for discussion

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Wind Farms

1. Describe the size of a wind turbine.
2. About how many wind farms are there in Australia?
3. All of the wind farms in Australia produce enough energy to power _____ homes.
4. What did the Prime Minister say about wind farms recently?
5. What are the advantages of wind farms?
6. What are the disadvantages?
7. Why are some people opposed to wind farms?
8. What has the Government promised will happen by 2020?
9. Illustrate an aspect of this story.
10. What do you think about wind farms? Write a message and post it in the comments section on the story page.

Check out the BtN [Wind Farms resource](#) on the Teachers page.

Toy Guns

1. Discuss the toy guns story with another student. Record the main points of your discussion.
2. In the past, toy guns were used to encourage kids to...
3. What happened recently that has caused some people to question kids playing with toy guns?
4. Why are some people worried about kids playing with toy guns?
5. Why are lots of toys guns sold these days really colourful?
6. Some people think kids playing with toy guns is a safety issue. Why?
7. Why do some people think it's ok for kids to play with toy guns?
8. Do you think kids should still play with toy guns? Explain your answer.
9. Hold a class debate. Develop arguments for and against the issue.
10. Find out what kids in your school think about the issue. Survey students in a range of classes to get their opinions.

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Ramadan

1. Which religion do Muslim people follow?
2. During the month of Ramadan, most Muslim people do something called fasting. What does that mean?
3. What do Muslim people think about during Ramadan?
4. What is the name of their religious book?
5. Ramadan starts at the same time each year. True or false?

6. The Islamic calendar is based on the cycles of the _____.
7. Why does Ali find Ramadan hard?
8. Why can school be difficult for him during Ramadan?
9. Who doesn't have to fast?
10. What do you understand more clearly about Ramadan since watching the BtN story?

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Learning Pressure

1. Briefly summarise the BtN *Learning Pressure* story.
2. Where is South Korea? Locate using Google Maps.
3. In your own words, describe how important education is to kids in South Korea.
4. Describe the maths and literacy results for students in South Korea.
5. How has education changed in the country over the years?
6. About how many hours of school work do the kids do each day?
7. How is the pressure of school work getting to some kids?
8. How are some schools doing things differently?
9. Compare your school day to that of a student in South Korea. What are the similarities and differences?
10. What was surprising about this story?

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

New Olympic Sports

1. What was the main point of the story?
2. How long has Jamie been bowling for?
3. Bowling is an Olympic sport. True or false?
4. How many new sports want to be included in the 2020 Olympic Games?
5. Name at least three sports that want to be included in the 2020 Olympic Games?
6. Where will the 2020 games be held?
7. The ancient Olympics were first held in _____ BC.
8. How were they different to the modern day Olympics?
9. Why does Jamie think bowling should be included in the Olympic Games?
10. Which sports do you think should be include in the 2020 Olympic Games? Give reasons why they should be included.

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