

Questions for discussion

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Public Money

1. Discuss the main points raised in the BtN *Public Money* story with another student.
2. Politicians get allowances that are paid for by _____.
3. Give an example of something a politician can spend their allowance on.
4. What is Bronwyn Bishop's role in parliament?
5. Why did she get into trouble recently?
6. Why did many people think it was the wrong thing to do.
7. What did Tony Abbott say about the incident?
8. How did Bronwyn Bishop respond?
9. What do some people think should happen so that politicians don't misuse their allowances?
10. What did you learn watching the BtN story?

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Shark Safety

1. In your own words, describe what happened to surfer Mick Fanning recently.
2. Where was he competing?
3. How common are shark attacks?
4. Humans are not part of a shark's normal diet. True or false?
5. Why do shark attacks happen?
6. Sharks are an important part of our _____.
7. What can you do to be safer in the water?
8. Explain the following statement: We are more of a threat to sharks than they are to us.
9. What technology has been developed that scares off sharks?
10. How did Mick Fanning feel about what happened to him?

Check out the BtN [Shark Safety resource](#) on the Teachers page

Living with Cerebral Palsy

1. What is cerebral palsy?
2. How does cerebral palsy affect Jordan?
3. What does Jordan use to help her get around?
4. How does she get to school?
5. Who is Ruby and what does she do?
6. Explain what Jordan's speaking tablet is and how it works.
7. Why did Jordan want to tell her story?

8. Think of three adjectives to describe Jordan's personality.
9. How did this story make you feel?
10. How has your thinking changed since watching this story?

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Tree Day

1. Why were the kids in the BtN story planting trees?
2. What did the BtN *Tree Day* story mainly explain?
3. Why are trees important?
4. Trees take in carbon dioxide and release _____.
5. What is photosynthesis?
6. Trees provide habitats for all kinds of wildlife. Explain what that means.
7. How do tree roots help to stop the soil getting washed away?
8. What is deforestation and how can it impact on the environment?
9. How can trees make people feel?
10. Name three facts you learnt watching the BtN story.

Check out the BtN [Tree Day resource](#) on the Teachers page
Do the [quiz](#) on the BtN website

Mentor Kids

1. Discuss the *Mentor Kids* story as a class. Record the main points of the discussion.
2. Describe the mentor program that's helping refugee kids.
3. How do the mentors help kids who have recently arrived in Australia?
4. How do the refugee kids feel starting at a new school?
5. What do the mentors wear?
6. What skills do the mentors need to have to be good leaders?
7. Many of the mentors came to Australia as refugees themselves. True or false?
8. How did some of the mentors feel when they first came to the school?
9. Describe one of the highlights of the program.
10. How did this story make you feel?

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