

Questions for discussion

Episode 24
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Asking the People

1. Name a topic that Australians have voted on in the past.
2. What issue does Tony Abbott want Australians to vote on soon?
3. A referendum means making a change to Australia's _____
4. What is a constitution?
5. What needs to happen for a referendum to be successful?
6. When was the most recent referendum held and what was it about?
7. What is a plebiscite?
8. When have plebiscites been held before in Australia?
9. Some people think Australians shouldn't vote on changing the marriage laws. Why?
10. Do you think Australians should vote on changing the marriage laws? Why or why not?

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

Nepal Revisited

1. Before you watch the BtN story, record what you know about the earthquakes in Nepal.
2. Describe the devastation caused by the earthquakes that hit Nepal four months ago.
3. Who does Ishy help to take care of?
4. Where have they been living since the earthquake?
5. What does the red sticker on the building mean?
6. What is the capital of Nepal?
7. Children in Kathmandu are going to school in _____.
8. How has tourism been affected since the earthquake?
9. How are governments and charities around the world helping people in Nepal?
10. What do the people in Nepal still need to help rebuild?

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Wave Hill

1. Discuss the main points raised in the *Wave Hill* story with another student.
2. Where is Wave Hill?
3. Who were the Aboriginal stockmen working for?
4. How long were the Aboriginal stockmen on strike?
5. Why did they go on strike?
6. Which Prime Minister handed back land to the Gurindji people?
7. In which year was the land handed back?
8. Who was Vincent Lingiari?

9. How did the Wave Hill walk-off help Aboriginal land rights?
10. What do you understand more clearly since watching the BtN story?

Check out the [Wave Hill resource](#) on the Teachers page

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

Op Shops

1. What is the main point of the story?
2. What sorts of things do people give to op shops?
3. What is `op' short for?
4. Where does the money made from op shops go?
5. What are the benefits of op shops?
6. What do op shops need?
7. Why did Lauren decide to volunteer at an op shop?
8. Describe the work volunteers do at op shops.
9. About how many items are donated by Australians each year to op shops?
10. What was surprising about this story?

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

Young Author

1. What is the name of Hannah's book?
2. How old was she when her book was published?
3. What is her book about?
4. Why did Hannah write a children's book?
5. How did the principal support Hannah?
6. What did the publisher Anouska say they are looking for in a children's book?
7. How does Hannah describe the experience of getting a book published?
8. If you were to write a children's book, what would it be about?
9. What do you think makes a good children's book?
10. How are you celebrating Book Week?

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