

## Questions for discussion

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### Share Crash

1. Discuss the *Share Crash* story with another student. Record the main points of the discussion.
2. What are shares?
3. Where are shares bought and sold?
4. On which famous street is the New York Stock Exchange?
5. The value of shares can go up and down depending on how \_\_\_\_\_ they are.
6. What other things can affect the price of shares?
7. Explain why shares can be a risky thing to buy.
8. What happened to the stock market in China recently?
9. Why did the stock market crash?
10. What affect can a stock market crash have on markets around the world?

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### Torres Strait

1. Locate the Torres Strait Islands using Google Maps.
2. About how many islands are in the Torres Strait?
3. How many of the islands have people living on them?
4. What are the features of the Torres Strait flag?
5. Who was Eddie Koiki Mabo?
6. What did Prime Minister Tony Abbott do when he visited the Torres Strait Islands recently?
7. Which two issues did he want to draw attention to?
8. What do the kids say they would like to change about the Torres Strait?
9. What do they like about living in the Torres Strait?
10. What was surprising about this story?

Check out the [Torres Strait resource](#) on the Teachers page

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

### Ocean Rubbish

1. Explain the *Ocean Rubbish* story to another student.
2. How many pieces of plastic end up in the world's oceans every day?
3. How does plastic get into the ocean?
4. What can happen when plastics stay in the water for a long time?
5. What are microplastics?
6. Why are they harmful?

7. What is the Great Pacific Garbage Patch?
8. Explain Boyan Slat's idea to clean up the garbage patch.
9. Illustrate an aspect of the *Ocean Rubbish* story.
10. What can be done to prevent plastics from reaching the oceans?

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### Coding

1. Before you watch the BtN *Coding* story, make some predictions about what you think the story is about.
2. What happened to Gemma's guinea pig?
3. What did she decide to do to keep her pet safe?
4. Gemma wanted the guinea pig door to...
5. What type of sensor does Gemma use to open and close the door?
6. What is computer coding?
7. Give some examples of how computer coding is used.
8. Why do some people think that computer coding should be taught in all schools?
9. Do you think all school kids should learn computer coding? Explain your answer.
10. What do you understand more clearly since watching the BtN story?

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### Exporting Nippers

1. What was the main point of the *Exporting Nippers* story?
2. What do nippers do?
3. What colours are the surf lifesaving flags?
4. Which country was the first in the world to set up surf lifesaving?
5. Nippers' programs are run by lifesavers as an introduction to...
6. Which country in the Middle East has introduced a nippers program?
7. What does the program teach the kids about beach safety?
8. How have the kids responded to the program?
9. What other countries have nippers' programs running?
10. What do you do to stay safe when swimming?

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