

Questions for discussion

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New PM

- 1. Before you watch the BtN New PM story, record what you know about Malcolm Turnbull.
- 2. Who was the Prime Minister before Malcolm Turnbull?
- 3. What did Malcolm Turnbull do before he became a politician?
- 4. Malcolm Turnbull led a group of people who wanted Australia to become a republic. What does that mean?
- 5. Malcolm Turnbull has been leader of the Liberal Party before. True or false?
- 6. Why did he want to challenge Tony Abbott for the leadership?
- 7. Who decided that Malcolm Turnbull should become the Prime Minister?
- 8. What changes has he made so far?
- 9. Who is Australia's youngest ever federal minister?
 - a. Jamie Briggs
 - b. Wyatt Roy
 - c. Ken Wyatt
- Do you agree with the decision to make Malcolm Turnbull Prime Minister? Explain your answer.

Check out the New PM resource on the Teachers page

Happiness Survey Results

- 1. About how many kids took part in the BtN Happiness Survey?
- 2. What sorts of things make kids happy?
- 3. What were the biggest concerns for kids who did the survey?
- 4. Who did kids say they are most likely to talk to about their worries?
- 5. What percentage of kids said they have been bullied?
- 6. Where do kids say they feel most safe and happy?
- 7. On average, how many hours of sleep are kids getting? About how many hours should they be getting?
- 8. What did kids say they want to change about themselves?
- 9. Do they survey results reflect how you feel? Explain your answer?
- 10. What was surprising about the survey results?

Worry Workshop

- 1. Discuss the *Worry Workshop* story with another student. Share the main points of your discussion with the class.
- 2. Name something that makes you worried.
- 3. Why is it normal for people to worry?
- 4. Why can it be helpful to write down the things that worry you?



- 5. There are different categories of thoughts that your worry machine can churn out. One of them is *Mind Reading Thoughts*. Explain what that is and give an example.
- 6. Another type of thought is *Crystal Ball Thinking*. Explain what that is and give an example.
- 7. What are Catastrophising Thoughts?
- 8. Finish this sentence. Exaggerating Thinking is when...
- 9. One way to manage worry is to find calm sentences. Give an example of a calm sentence.
- 10. Why is acting brave important when managing the worry machine?
- 11. How has the Worry Workshop story helped you manage your worries?

Check out the Worry Workshop resource on the Teachers page

Sky Muster

- 1. As a class, discuss the issues raised in the *Sky Muster* story.
- 2. Why is a good internet connection important for kids living in remote parts of Australia?
- 3. Finish this sentence. Many kids living on stations do their schooling through...
- 4. How can a bad internet connection affect their schooling?
- 5. What is the name of the satellite that was launched recently?
- 6. What will the satellite do?
- 7. How many homes and businesses benefit from the satellite?
- 8. How are the kids hoping the satellite will help?
- 9. What do critics of the new satellite say?
- 10. What do you understand more clearly since watching the *Sky Muster* story?

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

Indigenous Athletes

- 1. Briefly summarise the BtN Indigenous Athletes story.
- 2. Who is the captain of the winning NRL team?
- 3. Finish this sentence. Cyril Rioli is the captain of...
- 4. Why are Cyril Rioli and Jonathon Thurston role models for young indigenous athletes?
- 5. Finish this sentence. The young athletes are members of a special sports academy for...
- 6. How does the academy support the kids?
- 7. Where do the young athletes train?
- 8. Describe the training they do.
- 9. Why is the support and mentoring they get from AFL and netball players important?
- 10. What did you like about the *Indigenous Athletes* story?

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