

Questions for discussion

Episode 2
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Is the Gap Closing?

1. Discuss the BtN story with another student and record the main points.
2. In your own words, describe what 'Closing the Gap' means.
3. Indigenous people live _____ to _____ years less than other Australians.
4. Name two preventable diseases that are reducing the life expectancy of Indigenous people.
5. When was the 'Close the Gap' campaign launched?
6. What is the aim of the campaign?
7. There have been improvements in some areas. Give an example of one.
8. In which areas have there not been improvements?
9. What do some Aboriginal leaders think should happen?
10. How did this story make you feel?

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

Zika Explained

1. Before watching this story, discuss as a class what you know about the Zika virus.
2. Which big event is happening in Brazil this year?
3. What insect carries the Zika virus?
4. When and where did scientists first discover the Zika virus?
5. Which animal did they find that was infected with the virus?
6. What happens when people are infected with it?
7. Which parts of the world has the Zika virus?
8. Why is the virus dangerous for pregnant women?
9. Finish the following sentence: The World Health Organisation has declared the Zika virus a...
a...
10. How likely is it that the Zika virus will spread to Australia?

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Decimal Currency

1. Briefly summarise the BtN story.
2. What was Australia's currency before dollars and cents?
3. In which year did the currency change?
4. Why did the currency change to the decimal system?
5. What percentage of the world's population was using a decimal currency in the early 1960s?
6. How did most Australians feel about the change?

7. What did the government do to make the change easier?
8. Why was the design of the new currency popular with people?
9. Give three examples of the names suggested for the new currency.
10. What do you understand more clearly since watching the BtN story?

Check out the [Decimal Currency resource](#) on the Teachers page

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24 Million Australians

1. What was the main point of the BtN story?
2. Australia's population has just reached _____.
3. Why is Australia's population growing?
4. Why were people encouraged to move to Australia in the past?
5. People are living longer than they did in the past. True or false?
6. What are the benefits of a growing population?
7. Why do some people worry about our population getting bigger?
8. By 2043 our Australia's population is expected to reach
 - a. 25 million
 - b. 30 million
 - c. 35 million
9. What do you think about Australia's population growing? Explain your answer.
10. Name three facts you learnt watching the BtN story.

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Orangutan Gamers

1. Where does Malu live?
2. Sumatran orangutans are
 - a. Threatened
 - b. Endangered
 - c. Critically endangered
3. Finish the following sentence: Orangutans are highly intelligent and in captivity they can get...
4. Give an example of how orangutans use their brain to solve problems in the wild.
5. What have researchers come up with to help Malu use his brain?
6. Describe the games the apes are playing.
7. Why are some people worried about giving orangutans technology?
8. What will the app `Orangstagram' allow the apes to do?
9. What sorts of things do zookeepers want to give the orangutans control of in the future?
10. What was surprising about this story?

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