

## Questions for discussion

Episode 5  
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### US Elections

1. Discuss the *US Elections* story with another student. Record the main points of your discussion.
2. Who is the president of the United States?
3. How long can a person be president for?
  - a. 4 years
  - b. 8 years
  - c. No time limit
4. When is the presidential election taking place?
5. What are the names of the two main political parties in the United States?
6. Who are the two leading candidates for each party?
7. Name three facts about the leading candidate for the Democratic Party.
8. Record what you know about the leading candidate for the Republican Party.
9. If the US election was being held now, who would you vote for? Explain your answer.
10. What do you understand more clearly since watching the BtN story?

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

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

### Kidney Week

1. Briefly retell Harrison's story in your own words.
2. What is one of Harrison's favourite things?
3. When Harrison was born, his kidney function was \_\_\_\_\_ %.
4. Why are kidneys important?
5. People need two kidneys to survive. True or false?
6. When Harrison's kidney stopped working, he had to go on to dialysis. What does that mean?
7. Which family member gave Harrison a kidney?
8. Why does Harrison need to take special medicine?
9. How did this story make you feel?
10. Send a message of support to Harrison on the BtN story page.

Check out the [Kidney Week resource](#) on the Teachers page

### Disaster Anniversary

1. Briefly summarise the *Disaster Anniversary* story.
2. How many years has it been since the earthquake and tsunami hit Japan?
3. What did the earthquake trigger?

4. Describe the devastation the earthquake and tsunami caused.
5. Retell Hanako's story.
6. What leaked from the damaged nuclear power station?
7. What did it mean for people living in the area?
8. What was built to give kids a safe environment to play?
9. Describe the impact the earthquake and tsunami had on Japan.
10. What did you learn watching the BtN story?

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

### Turtles

1. Where are the Lacapede Islands? Locate using Google Maps.
2. What factor determines the gender of turtles?
3. For turtle eggs, if the sand's warmer than 29 degrees mostly girls will hatch. True or false?
4. How is climate change affecting the balance of boy and girl turtles being hatched?
5. What do scientists say will happen to turtle populations in the future?
6. Approximately, what is the life span of a turtle?
7. How is warm weather affecting baby turtles?
8. Describe in your own words what scientists are doing to help turtles deal with warmer weather.
9. Illustrate an aspect of this story.
10. What was surprising about this story?

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### Schools Clean Up

1. What anniversary is Schools Clean Up Day celebrating in 2016?
2. Describe what the kids in the story are doing as part of the event?
3. What did the kids in the story need to be able to start cleaning up their school?
4. Schools Clean Up Day is an offshoot of which program?
5. What year was the first Schools Clean Up Day held?
6. Kids from approximately \_\_\_\_\_ (number) schools around Australia have collected rubbish for Schools Clean Up Day.
7. How many loads of rubbish have been collected since Schools Clean Up Day first started?
  - a. 3,400 utes
  - b. 3,400 buses
  - c. 3,400 bins
8. How can rubbish hurt the environment? Give one example.
9. How do you help keep your school clean?
10. Illustrate an aspect of this story.

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