

Questions for discussion

Episode 11
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Tax Balance

1. What were the biggest changes announced in the 2016 budget?
2. It's expected that there will be a _____ billion dollar deficit next year.
3. What is the government planning to do to pay back the money it owes?
4. Is it a good idea for everyone to pay a lot more tax? Explain your answer.
5. Why is spending good for the economy?
6. Should businesses pay a lot more tax? Give reasons for your answer.
7. Finish the following sentence: Taxes pay for things like...
8. The most Aussie's pay in tax is around 45%. True or false?
9. How does that compare to other countries?
10. What do you understand more clearly since watching the BtN story?

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Ivory Trade

1. Discuss the *Ivory Trade* story with another student. Record the three main points of your discussion.
2. What is happening to the piles of illegal ivory?
3. Authorities started the fires to send a message to...
4. Explain what poaching is.
5. About how many elephants are being killed in Africa each year?
6. Where does the ivory often end up? What sort of products is it used to make?
7. Why is ivory a valuable product?
8. When was a worldwide ban on ivory introduced?
9. What other things have authorities done to fight poaching?
10. Do you think it is a good idea to burn the ivory? Explain your answer.

Check out the [Ivory Trade resource](#) on the Teachers page

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Eye Issues

1. What was the main point of the BtN story?
2. Glasses and contact lenses help correct a person's _____.
3. Using words or pictures, explain how the eye works.
4. Why do some people have blurred vision?
5. What are the two most common eye problems for kids?
6. If you are long-sighted you have problems seeing things...
7. What is short-sightedness?
8. Short-sightedness is also called

- a. Myopia
 - b. Tunnel vision
 - c. Glaucoma
9. What do scientists now think is the cause of myopia?
 10. Which animals did scientists use to test light levels?

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

Refugee Experience

1. Before you watch the BtN story, predict what the story is about.
2. Discuss the BtN story with another student. Record the main points of your discussion.
3. What are the kids in the *Refugee Experience* story doing?
4. Where is 'Camp Refugee'?
5. What is the purpose of the camp?
6. What is the biggest challenge of the camp?
7. Describe some of the challenging conditions the kids face on the camp.
8. What did the kids on the camp learn about what it's like to be a refugee?
9. How would you feel about participating in the camp?
10. Do you think 'Camp Refugee' is a good idea? Explain your answer.

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Koala Tracker

1. Explain the *Koala Tracker* story to another person.
2. Why is Maya looking for koala poo?
3. Why is it difficult to find koalas?
4. What is happening to the koala population in many parts of Australia?
5. What are the threats to koalas?
6. Explain why dogs like Maya are good at finding koala poo.
7. Why do you think stamina is important?
8. Why is training important?
9. How has Maya's life changed since becoming a poo detection dog?
10. What did you like about the *Koala Tracker* story?

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