

Questions for discussion

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Crossbenchers

1. Discuss the BtN *Crossbenchers* story as a class and record the main points of the discussion.
2. Who is the Prime Minister of Australia and which party does he represent?
3. How long did it take to get an election result?
4. How many senators are there in Australian Parliament?
5. For the Government to successfully pass a new bill, the _____ has to vote on it.
6. Who will the government need the support of to pass new bills?
7. Explain what a crossbencher is.
8. Name two crossbenchers that have been elected to the Senate.
9. Earlier this year the Government called a Double Dissolution. What does that mean?
10. What did you learn watching the BtN story?

Check out the [Election Results resource](#) on the Teachers page

Greyhound Ban

1. What was the main point of the story?
2. What did an ABC report into the greyhound industry find?
3. Which state has decided to ban greyhound racing?
4. Australia is one of only _____ countries in the world where greyhound racing still happens.
5. Why do some people want greyhound racing banned?
6. Describe Jacinta's involvement in greyhound racing.
7. Why is Jacinta against banning greyhound racing?
8. If the ban goes ahead, what will happen to ex-racing dogs?
9. Why does Michaela say greyhounds make great pets?
10. Do you think greyhound racing should be banned in Australia? Give reasons for your answer.

Check out the [Greyhound Ban resource](#) on the Teachers page

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

Pokémon Go

1. Briefly summarise the BtN *Pokémon Go* story.
2. In your own words, explain how the game works.
3. Describe the popularity of Pokémon Go.
4. What is augmented reality?

5. Pokémon Go uses GPS. What does that mean?
6. Finish the following the sentence: Apart from gaming, augmented reality could be used in things like...
7. Why do you think Pokémon Go has been successful?
8. What are the benefits of playing Pokémon Go?
9. What are the disadvantages?
10. What did you learn watching the BtN story?

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

Abacus Championships

1. Discuss the BtN Abacus story with another student.
2. What is an abacus?
3. What were the kids in the BtN story competing in?
4. How does an abacus help with maths?
5. Name three facts about the history of abacuses.
6. One of the most popular types of abacus is the...
7. The kids in the BtN story don't just learn to use the abacuses quickly, they also learn how to use the same counting technique in their _____.
8. What do the kids say are the benefits of using an abacus?
9. What was surprising about this story?
10. How has your thinking changed since watching the BtN Abacus story?

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

Drought Aid

1. Before you watch this story, record what you know about drought.
2. Where does Callan live?
3. Callan's family farm was affected by _____.
4. What did a surprise visitor bring to Callan and his family?
5. Why was the delivery important to them?
6. How did this story make you feel? Discuss with another student.

Write a message of support to Callan and post it in the comments section on the story page.