

## Questions for discussion

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### Olympic Success

1. Discuss the BtN *Olympic Success* story as a class and record the main points of the discussion.
2. How much has the Australian Government spent on coaching and training the teams and athletes for the Rio Olympics?
  - a. 140 million
  - b. 240 million
  - c. 340 million
3. About how much was spent on winning a medal?
4. Why were people disappointed with Australia's performance at the Rio Olympics?
5. The Australian Sports Commission set targets of finishing in the top \_\_\_\_\_ on the medal tally.
6. What was done to increase Australia's chance of winning more medals at Rio?
7. Where did Australia finish at the Rio Olympics?
8. Give an example of a country that uses money from sponsorship and donations to fund their athletes.
9. Do you think we should spend money on Olympic athletes? Give reasons for your answer.
10. How has your thinking changed since watching the *Olympic Success* story?

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

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

### Pet Sales

1. What were the main issues raised in the BtN *Pet Sales* story?
2. Which state wants to ban the sale of puppies and kittens in all pet shops unless they're from shelters?
3. Why do they want to introduce the ban?
4. What are kitten or puppy farms?
5. The RSPCA have investigated more than \_\_\_\_\_ breeders in Victoria this year.
6. What does the Victorian Government want to do to stop dodgy breeders?
7. The RSPCA says the new laws will encourage people to adopt...
8. Why are some people against the new laws?
9. Should pet shops only be allowed to sell rescue animals? Give reasons for your answer.
10. How did this story make you feel?

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

### Vietnam War

1. Discuss the BtN *Vietnam War* story in pairs and record the main points of your discussion.
2. Locate Vietnam using Google Maps. Where is it in relation to Australia?

3. Why were North Vietnam and South Vietnam at war?
4. Why did Australia fight in the Vietnam War?
5. How many Australians served in the war?
6. Many Australians were conscripted to serve in the Vietnam War. What does that mean?
7. Why were some Australians against conscription?
8. Which was the deadliest battle for Australian troops in the war?
9. What was a positive to come out of the Vietnam War?
10. Name three things you learnt watching the BtN *Vietnam War* story.

Check out the [Vietnam War resource](#) on the Teachers page

### Writing Club

1. Briefly explain what the students in the BtN story are doing.
2. Why was the writing club started at the school?
3. What sorts of stories do the students write?
4. Why do the students like writing?
5. How has being a part of a writing club helped some students?
6. Every year the writing group go on a camp. What was the theme of the camp this year?
7. The students' work has been published. True or false?
8. What are the benefits of having a writing club at school?
9. What did you learn watching this story?
10. What sorts of stories do you like to read or write?

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### Cyclocross

1. Summarise the BtN *Cyclocross* story.
2. Explain the sport of cyclocross to another student.
3. How is cyclocross different to other forms of cycling?
4. How old is Louis?
5. What health challenges does he have?
6. What does Louis do to prepare before a competition?
7. Describe a cyclocross course.
8. What competition is Louis competing in?
9. How did Louis and his family raise money to compete interstate?
10. Louis would like to become an advocate for kids with...

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