

Questions for discussion

Russia and the US

1. Working in pairs, record the main points raised in the BTN story.
2. Lately, people have been talking about Russia's relationship with which country?
3. Russia was part of a group of countries called the _____ Union.
4. For many years, Russia and the United States fought a long war called the...
5. Why were they at war?
6. Why was it called the Cold War?
7. Give an example of an issue Russia and the US has disagreed on?
8. Who is Vladimir Putin?
9. What was Russia accused of doing during the US election campaign?
10. What do you understand more clearly about the relationship between US and Russia since watching the BTN story?

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Women at Work

1. Discuss the BTN *Women at Work* story as a class. What points were raised in the discussion?
2. What was it like for women living in the 1800s?
3. What changes started to happen for women in the late 1800s?
4. Which state was the first to give women the vote?
5. How did the Second World War change the role of women?
6. After the war, most women were forced to go back to _____.
7. Describe work for women in the 1950s.
8. How did women fight for their rights in the 1960s and 1970s?
9. What changes still need to be made to make women and men more equal?
10. How has your thinking changed since watching the *Women at Work* story?

Check out the [Women at Work resource](#) on the Teachers page.

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

Balloon Ban

1. Briefly explain the BTN *Balloon Ban* story.
2. How far can a helium balloon travel?
3. Explain the impact the balloons are having on marine animals.
4. The animals often mistake the plastic for _____.
5. What did researchers find in the seabirds at Lord Howe Island?
6. Why is the rubbish bad for seabirds?

7. The CSIRO found that balloons were the _____ most harmful pollutant for marine wildlife.
8. What is the Zoos Victoria campaign asking people to do?
9. What alternatives to balloons do they suggest?
10. Do you think balloons should be banned outside? Explain your answer.

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

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Sideline Behaviour

1. What was the main point of the *Sideline Behaviour* story?
2. What did a recent report from the Australian Sports Commission find about junior sports?
3. Give some examples poor behaviour from adults at junior sports.
4. What is the aim of the 'Let Kids Be Kids' campaign?
5. How does bad adult behaviour at junior sport make kids feel?
6. The campaign wants spectators to follow some straight-forward rules. What are they?
7. Which well known sportpeople are supporting the campaign?
8. Finish the following sentence: Kids sport should be about...
9. Have you seen examples of adults behaving badly at junior sport? Explain your answer.
10. What was surprising about this story?

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New Dictionary Words

1. What does the BTN story mainly explain?
2. Why are dictionaries important?
3. Ms Parrot has created a dictionary to help international students learn _____.
4. What is a collection of texts called?
5. Who decides which words go into dictionaries?
6. How do they decide which words get included?
7. Give an example of a word that is a new addition to the dictionary.
8. Which word does Sean want included in the dictionary and what does it mean?
9. How does Sean get his word included in the dictionary?
10. Name three things you learnt watching the *New Dictionary Words* story.

Have you got a word you'd like to add to the dictionary? Share it in the comments section on the story page.