

## Questions for discussion

Episode 8  
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### Racial Discrimination

1. As a class, discuss the BTN *Racial Discrimination Act* story. What were the main points of the discussion?
2. What does Harmony Day celebrate?
3. Federal politicians have been arguing about Australia's \_\_\_\_\_ Discrimination Act.
4. Give an example of racial discrimination in Australia.
5. When did the Federal Government introduce the Racial Discrimination Act?
6. The Act made it illegal to treat someone unfairly because of their \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Section 18C of the Racial Discrimination Act makes it illegal to...
8. What changes does the Government want to make to 18C?
9. Why are some politicians against the changes?
10. Name three things you learnt watching the BTN story.

Check out the [Racial Discrimination resource](#) on the Teachers page

### World Happiness Report

1. What was the main point of the BTN story?
2. Where did Australia come in the world happiness rankings?
3. Which country was ranked the happiest in the world?
4. Which other countries scored well on the happiness index?
5. What factors does the United Nations say contributes to happiness?
6. Why reasons do Norwegians give for being happy?
7. Which countries scored the lowest in the survey?
8. What reasons were given for their low score?
9. What makes you happy?
10. What was surprising about this story?

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

### National Archives

1. Briefly summarise the BTN story.
2. Why are the books in the BTN story being preserved?
3. What does the National Archives do?
4. About how many items are there in the archive's collection?
5. Give examples of items in the collection.
6. Where are most of the items held?
7. Why did they build a new home for the archives in Canberra?

8. How has the building been specially designed to keep items protected?
9. Do you think it's important to preserve items from Australia's history? Explain your answer.
10. What do you understand more clearly since watching the BTN story?

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

### Hospital Parking Fees

1. What has Gidon been campaigning to change?
2. What did his petition ask the government to do?
3. Why did he spend a lot of time in hospital?
4. About how much have his parents paid in parking fees since he was diagnosed?
5. Finish the following sentence: Gidon says that the price of parking could stop people from...
6. How many people signed the petition?
7. What changes to hospital parking fees has the Premier of NSW announced?
8. Explain how the changes help families and patients.
9. Write a message to Gidon and post it in the comments section on the story page.
10. How did the BTN story make you feel?

Is there an issue that you feel strongly about? As a class, discuss ways that you can campaign for change.

### RoboRoos

1. What are the kids in the BTN story building?
2. Explain what the kids do during the 'design phase'?
3. What is the most challenging part and why?
4. What does the mechanical team do?
5. Which team looks after the wiring in the robots?
6. What does the pneumatics team do?
7. Who are Bob, Kevin and Steve?
8. What are the robots doing in the competition?
9. What do the students like about the competition?
10. What did you learn watching the BTN story?

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