



Teacher Resource

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Focus Questions

Discuss the BTN High story as a class and record the main points of discussion.

Students will then respond to the following:

1. Create a list of the different trade jobs in Australia.
2. How important is it to have skilled tradespeople in Australia?
3. What impact do trades have on the Australian economy?
4. What are the advantages of learning a trade?
5. How might the shortage of tradespeople affect things like housing or construction in Australia?
6. What do you think could be done to fix Australia's trade shortage?
7. If you could learn a trade, what would it be and why?
8. What could be done to encourage more young people to explore a career in trades?

Activities

- Research a trade profession you are interested in. Write a feature article about its history and the impact it has on the Australian economy.
- Interview an experienced tradesperson in an industry of your choice and present your answers as a profile. Ask the following questions:
 - *Why did they choose that trade?*
 - *What does their job involve?*
 - *What skills or training do they need for their trade?*
 - *How does their job contribute to the Australian economy?*
- Create a mock marketing campaign around a trade you think needs more recognition in Australia. It could be in the form of a video, social media post, or website.

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KEY LEARNING

Students will learn about Australia's trade shortage, and discuss what can be done to try to combat the issue.

CURRICULUM

[Economics and Business – Year 9 \(v8.4\)](#)
[Economics and Business – Year 9 \(v9.0\)](#)

[Design and Technologies – Years 9 and 10 \(v8.4\)](#)
[Design and Technologies – Years 9 and 10 \(v9.0\)](#)

[Geography – Year 10 \(v8.4\)](#)
[Geography – Year 10 \(v9.0\)](#)

[History – Year 10 \(v8.4\)](#)
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