

# Year in Review 2020

## Focus Questions

1. What do you think was the most interesting Aussie news event this year? Give reasons for your answer.
2. Which world news story would you like to know more about? Why?
3. Which world news story had the biggest impact on you this year? Why?
4. Which story about kids did you like the most? Why?
5. What topics or issues would you like to see reported on BTN next year?
6. What do you think was the funniest moment on BTN this year?
7. What changes would you make to BTN?

## Activity

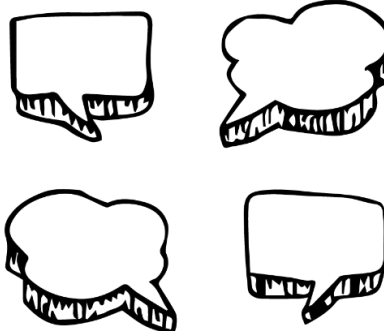
### Favourite BTN stories

Ask students to choose their top five [BTN stories](#) from 2020. They can choose stories from a range of topics, for example:

- Global
- Science
- Health
- Environment
- Human interest

Students will explain to another student why they chose these five stories. Students will then choose their favourite and respond to the following questions:

- Why did you choose this story?
- What was the main issue/message in the story?
- Where and when did it happen?
- Who is affected by the issue?
- Why do you think kids would be interested in this story?
- Why do you think BTN ran this story?
- Are there any updates on the story? Describe using your own words.



## Key Learning

Students will choose their favourite stories from BTN in 2020. They will reflect on a range of events that occurred during 2020.

## Curriculum

### English – Year 6

Use comprehension strategies to interpret and analyse information and ideas, comparing content from a variety of textual sources including media and digital texts.

Compare texts including media texts that represent ideas and events in different ways, explaining the effects of the different approaches.

### English – Year 7

Use a range of software, including word processing programs, to confidently create, edit and publish written and multimodal texts.

### Media Arts – Year 5 & 6

Plan, produce and present media artworks for specific audiences and purposes using responsible media practice.

# Activity

## Kids on BTN

BTN featured kids doing amazing things in 2020. Choose one of your favourite stories below or visit BTN's website to see all the [Rookie Reporters for 2020](#). Students will then respond to the following questions:

- What is the story about?
- Why did you choose this story?
- Why do you think BTN chose to feature this kid's story?
- Describe the main issue/message in the story.
- What makes this story interesting?
- What questions do you have about the story?



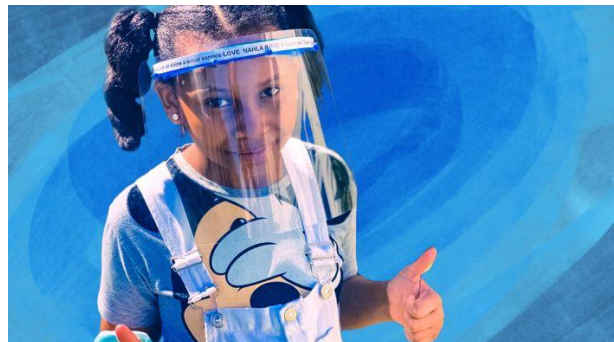
[Fiver for a Farmer](#)



[COVID Creativity](#)



[Thank You Project](#)



[Protective Mask Maker](#)



[COVID Catch-Up Newspaper](#)



[Punk Magazine Kid](#)



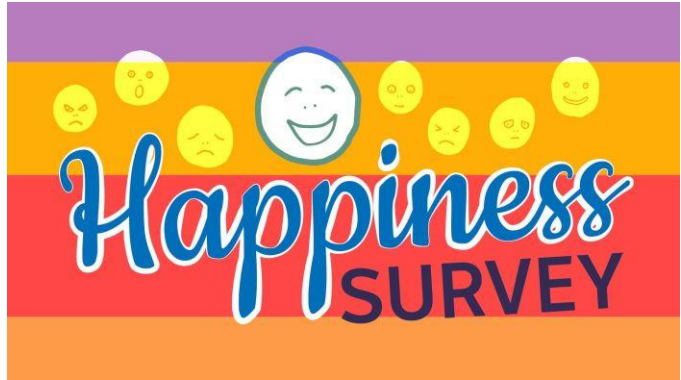
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### BTN Happiness Survey 2020

It's time for the BTN Happiness Survey. We want to find out how kids are doing, when they're at their happiest, when they're not and the things that matter to them.

The survey is still **OPEN**. Get your students to [take part in the survey now!](#) Survey closes 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

Watch BTN's [Happiness Survey Results](#) story to get an update on some of the results that have come in so far.



## Activity

### BTN Features 2020

There were several special anniversaries in 2020. Check out BTN's [Features](#) on the BTN website. Each Special includes in depth teacher resources linked to the Australian Curriculum.



### WWII VP Day Anniversary Special

A special episode to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. We look at the events that led up to World War II and give a brief history of one of the deadliest conflicts that the world has ever seen, find out more about Australia's role in the war, the bombing of Darwin by Japanese forces, share the memories of people who were alive during WWII and finally, the impact WWII had on the world. [Video](#) | [Teacher Resource](#)



### HMB Endeavour 250th Anniversary

A special episode commemorating the 250th anniversary of the Endeavour's voyage to Australia. BTN finds out more about Captain James Cook and his famous voyage on board the Endeavour. The National Maritime Museum gives Amelia a tour of the HM Bark Endeavour Replica. We explore the lasting impact of the Endeavour's arrival on Australia's First Peoples. We take a look at how Australia has changed in the 250 years since Cook's arrival.

[Video](#) | [Teacher Resource](#)

### Anniversaries

Make a list of all the anniversaries that are important to you and your class. BTN covered some significant days and weeks in 2020. Make a list of the ones you enjoyed learning more about. For example:

[Bridge Walk Anniversary](#)

[World Alopecia Day](#)

[NAIDOC Week](#) – [Charlie Perkins](#)

[Qantas History](#)

[Food Safety Week](#)

[History of the UN](#)

[World Statistics Day](#)

[Stamp Collecting Month](#)

## Activity

### BTN – Behind the Scenes

The [BTN Behind the Scenes video](#) gives a snapshot into the making of a BTN episode. Students can watch the video then answer the following questions.

1. When putting together a show, BTN looks for stories that are...
2. Who decides what stories will go on BTN?
3. What might happen on a BTN filming day? Give one example.
4. Why do you think BTN stories involve a lot of dressing up?
5. Complete this sentence. Animations on BTN are made by the \_\_\_\_\_ team.
6. What is the role of an editor on BTN?
7. What surprised you about the BTN Behind the Scenes video?

## Activity

### BTN Newsbreak

Watch BTN every day! Newsbreak is a great way to kick off the morning routine. You can watch Newsbreak anytime on our website or by subscribing to our YouTube channel. Head to the [BTN website](#) for all the details.

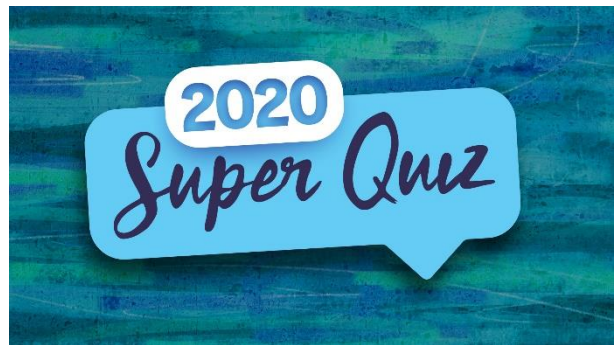


## Activity

### Create your own Super Quiz

After completing the BTN 2020 Super Quiz, students will create their own news quiz. Students can use the following as a guide.

1. Make a list of news stories from 2020 that were important to you.
2. Write a structure for your quiz. Include a quiz title, target audience, time frame in which quiz needs to be completed and news themes.
3. Write and design your quiz. Consider including multiple choice, true or false and picture quiz. It is important that your questions are based on news stories from 2020. Make it fun, engaging and educational.
4. Give your quiz to a classmate to complete. Provide your classmate with a score and correct answers.



## Useful Websites

Stories – BTN

<https://www.abc.net.au/btn/stories/>

Happiness Survey – BTN

<https://www.abc.net.au/btn/features/happiness-survey-2020/12795914>