

NEWSREEL

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Arbetsblad

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Vocabulary

Australian Bushfires

English word	Swedish translation
bushfires	skogsbränder
wilderness	vildmark, ödemark
uniformly	<i>här:</i> ständig, konstant
wildlife	djurliv, naturliv
species	art
extinction	utrotning

Single-Sex Schools

English word	Swedish translation
all-girls school	flickskola
rowdy	stökig
to be embarrassed	att skämmas

Robot Postman

English word	Swedish translation
tech conference	teknikmessa
to attend	att delta
gadget	pryl

Australian Bushfires (00:30)

1. How long have the bushfires been burning across Australia?

2. There are bushfires in Australia...

- a. Every year
- b. Every month
- c. Never

3. What kind of weather has contributed to the spread of the bushfires?

4. Only the animals have felt the consequences of the bushfires. Circle the right answer: True false

5. What is one of the consequences for animals affected by the bushfires in Australia?

_____.

6. Why were animals not able to escape the bushfires?

Because, this year, the bushfires _____.

Single-Sex Schools (1:40)

7. Sophie has recently changed schools. Previously, she went to a

8. Why does Sophie like the school is she at now?

- a. It's quieter
- b. She doesn't have to deal with annoying boys
- c. She misses the chaos of her last school
- d. She misses her friends

9. What does Lyra say about boys' behavior in school?

_____.

10. Sophie mentions many differences between same-sex schools and mixed schools.

Name one of the differences _____.

Robot Postman (3:41)

11. The tech conference in Las Vegas is called: _____.

12. How many people attended the conference?

- a. 20,000
- b. 200,000
- c. 220,000

13. What kind of things can DIGIT deliver? _____.

14. What do Londoners think about the DIGIT? Name one response:

_____.

10-Minute Discussion

Robot postman: Is it a good idea? What are the advantages and disadvantages of using a robot instead of a human postman? What would happen to the human postmen? How do you think it would work where you live? Talk to your neighbour or those around you and discuss your thoughts.

The Big Debate

Are boys and girls really so different? In the audio clip you just heard, Sophie and Lyra discuss how boys are rowdy and girls are quiet. Is this true? What is your personal experience of the differences or similarities between boys and girls? Do you think these differences justify starting same-sex schools? If you had a choice between a same-sex school and a mixed school, would you go? Why/why not?

Talk with your partner or in small groups. Discuss the pros and cons. You could even write a plan for an argumentative essay for and against same-sex schools. Use these words and phrases to help you:

In my opinion

I think

I reckon

On the one hand..., on the other hand

In my personal experience, ...

According to the news report...

Let's Get Writing!

Use your imagination! Your cousin, Oliver, lives in Australia and you are worried about the bushfires there and how they could affect him and his family's house. You have seen on Instagram that Oliver and his family had to leave their home. You want to know how it was for him.

Write an e-mail to Oliver. Make sure you include the following points in your email:

- The subject of your email
- A greeting
- Ask Oliver how he is doing and what happened to him
- Ask him about his experiences of the bushfire
- Update him on your life right now (school, free time, friends, family)
- Send him your best wishes
- A farewell word or phrase

Answers

Australian Bushfires

1. Since September
2. Every year
3. Dry and hot weather
4. False
5. 1 billion animals have been killed; several species are now closer to extinction
6. *Because, this year, the bushfires began so early.*

Single-Sex Schools

7. ...mixed school.
8. It's quieter
9. She says boys are rowdier than girls
10. Mixed schools are louder, more chaotic, same-sex schools are quieter, a bit less chaotic

Robot Postman

11. CES 2020
12. 200,000
13. Packages
14. it's a good idea; I wouldn't pay extra for it; It would be great