**Revision – The Stolen Generations**

In 1909 the Australian government made laws to make Aboriginal people be more white. This was called protectionism. Some laws were made for Aboriginal children. The government wanted them to go to school and church. The children were taken from their homes and families and were put into boarding schools. They are called the stolen generations because they were stolen from their families.

**Answer the questions below**

1. Why are they called the stolen generation?
2. Where did the stolen children go?

**Choose the correct answer below**

When did the Australian Government make a law to make Aboriginal people be more white?

* 1909
* 1990

The Australian Government wanted Aboriginal children to:

* Go to the shops
* Go to school and church

The children are called:

* The stolen generations
* The taken kids

When the children were put in the schools life was very hard. They were taught to speak in English. The boys were taught how to work on farms and the girls were taught how to be maids. Some children were given to white families.

**Choose the correct answer below**

The children were taught to speak:

* Italian
* English
* Chinese

Girls were taught:

* How to work on the farm
* How to be maids

Boys were taught:

* How to work on the farm
* How to be maids.

When the children finished school some went to work. The girls worked as maids for white families and the boys worked on farms. Sometimes they didn’t get paid.

**Fill in the blanks**

When the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were old enough to finish school some went to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ worked as maids for white families and the boys worked on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Sometimes they didn’t get paid.

The Government finally stopped taking children in 1970. It lasted 60 years and over 100,000 Aboriginal people were stolen during that time.

**Choose the correct answer below.**

When did the government stop taking Aboriginal children from their families?

* 1970
* 1980

How many Aboriginal children were stolen from their families?

* 10,000
* 50,000
* 100,000

In 1980 a business called Link-Up was started to help Aboriginal people find their families. If a stolen child wants to find their mum, Link-Up can help. It is a very important business. A lady called Coral Edwards started Link-Up. She had been stolen and found her mother and she wanted to help other Aboriginal people find their families.

**Answer true or false**

Link-Up started in 1985\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Link-Up helps Aboriginal people find their families\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Coral Edwards started Link-Up\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Coral did not find her mother\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

On 13 February 2008, former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd said sorry to the Stolen Generation for taking them away from their families.

Select the correct answer

Who said sorry to the Stolen Generation?

* Miss Carlson
* Kevin Rudd

When did he say sorry?

* 13 February 2008
* 13 September 2013
* Yesterday

Below are some comments on Kevin Rudd’s apology. Read the comments and answer the questions.

1. “I’m happy that our Prime Minister Kevin Rudd said sorry. Then again I’m angry because it took so long for them to apologise to the aboriginal people.”

What was the person happy about?

What was the person angry about?

1. “The Prime minister said sorry and it was wicked.”

Do you think the person is happy about the apology?

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