

## MEXICO



### ● Hold your breath

In Mexico, a Danish swimmer has broken a world record by swimming 202 metres underwater with a single breath. Stig Severinsen said he wants to inspire people to protect the oceans and undersea life.



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## RUSSIA



### ● Female train drivers



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The Moscow Metro has hired its first female train drivers. Until September last year, the job was on a list of jobs described as “harmful to women’s health”. Although the list is getting smaller, there are still some jobs in Russia that only men are allowed to do.

## AUSTRALIA



### ● 120-year-old chocolate!

**A tin of Victorian chocolates has been found at the National Library of Australia.**

The chocolates belonged to a poet and writer called Banjo Paterson. They were found hidden in some of his papers.

The tins were sent to soldiers who fought in the Boer War, in South Africa, around 1900. It was a gift to the troops from Queen Victoria.

Jennifer Todd, from the library, said: “There was quite an interesting smell when they were unwrapped.” We bet there was!

National Library of Australia



## Questions on: World News

1) Match the country to the correct news topic.

AUSTRALIA

Swimming record

RUSSIA

Very old treats

MEXICO

Jobs for women

Look at the news from Mexico.

2) Stig Severinsen is from Denmark. Why is this news from Mexico?

3) Stig swam 202 metres. What makes this swim so remarkable?

Look at the news from Russia.

4) Why weren't women allowed to drive trains until September last year?

Look at the news from Australia.

5) ● Who was Banjo Paterson?  
● Who is Jennifer Todd?

6) Who originally **gave** these tins of chocolates and who **received** them?

7) Find two **facts** about the Boer War.

1: \_\_\_\_\_

2: \_\_\_\_\_

Think about all the stories

8) Which story do you think might feature on **TV** news? What would you want to see in the video report?