**Worksheet: Covid-19: What does it *really* teach us?**

1. We are in the middle of a historical crisis. Here are some words you will come across in English media. Match the words above with the correct sentences below:

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| “Stay at home” | a pandemic | panic-buying |

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| The Coronavirus/Covid-19 is a disease that has spread across the world. | As a result of this, many supermarkets have run out of toilet paper. | Many states are implementing such orders. It means that you must stay at home unless you want to go shopping etc. |

Which other words do you associate with the current situation?

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1. In 2015, Bill Gates did a TED Talk on “The next outbreak: We’re not ready!”

Watch it online: https://www.ted.com/talks/bill\_gates\_the\_next\_outbreak\_we\_re\_not\_ready

Tick the right answer(s):

1. When Bill was a kid, people worried most about …

⬜ World War III ⬜ a nuclear war ⬜ climate change ⬜ diabetes

1. Bill said, a virus could kill … of people.

⬜ hundreds ⬜ thousands ⬜ millions

1. Ebola: The biggest problem was, that we didn’t have …

⬜ enough doctors ⬜ a system at all ⬜ international aid

1. We need:

⬜ strong health systems ⬜ medical corps ⬜ pair medical & military

⬜ simulations ⬜ strong health systems ⬜ to run germ games ⬜ research

Need help? You can find a “transcript” online or watch it with subtitles.

1. Phone an old person you know (grandma/grandpa, a neighbour, family friend etc.) and find out how he/she is. Tell him/her about Bill Gates’ TED talk. Ask about their opinion.

Tip: You might also like to ask if they there is anything you can do for them.

1. Writing task: Write your own open letter (200 words) about Covid-19. What do you think is Covid-19 really teaching us? Collect ideas, structure your text, think of a title.

Send your texts to your English teacher!