

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:

"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.
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Which other words do you associate with the current situation?

2. 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):

- a. When Bill was a kid, people worried most about ...

World War III a nuclear war climate change diabetes

- b. Bill said, a virus could kill ... of people.

hundreds thousands millions

c. Ebola: The biggest problem was, that we didn't have ...

enough doctors a system at all international aid

d. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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!