



CORONAVIRUS

- I. What do you know about coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)? What is the current situation?**
- II. What is a pandemic? What are the current pandemics?**
- III. Match the words to their definitions.**
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| 1. aloft | a. transmitted through the air |
| 2. respiratory | b. in the air |
| 3. droplet | c. a way |
| 4. doorknob | d. a tiny drop of liquid |
| 5. airborne | e. a round handle |
| 6. route | f. connected with lungs/breathing |
- IV. Try to guess how the words are connected to the novel coronavirus 2019.**
- V. Watch the video and answer the questions.**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sHP0UIdZyI4>
1. Why is the virus called “coronavirus”?
 2. How does the virus spread?
 3. How can we avoid getting COVID-19?
- VI. What have you learnt about the novel coronavirus?**

VII. Facts and myths about the new coronavirus 2019. Is it a fact (F) or a myth (M)?

- 1. UV lamps kill the virus.**
- 2. Antibiotics can kill the virus.**
- 3. Cold weather cannot kill the virus.**
- 4. Eating garlic can protect you against the virus.**
- 5. Hand dryers can kill the virus.**
- 6. Children can't get infected.**
- 7. You will get infected if you receive a package from China.**
- 8. You should often wash your hands with soap to protect yourself against the virus.**
- 9. The virus isn't transmitted through mosquitoes.**
- 10. When you sneeze, you should cover your mouth/nose with the bend of your elbow.**

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VIII. Discussion.

- 1. What can be done to prevent the spread of the virus?**
- 2. Do you agree that schools/public places should be closed?**
- 3. Should the countries close their borders?**
- 4. Should people self-quarantine?**
- 5. How can people survive isolation?**
- 6. Why do you think Italy is affected so badly by the novel coronavirus?**
- 7. Should we stock up on food/medicine? Have you stocked up on anything yet?**
- 8. Do you think that the government is doing the right thing?**
- 9. Should people wear masks when they go outside? Do you wear a mask when you leave your home? Why/why not?**
- 10. What measures do you take to avoid the risk of getting infected?**
- 11. Do you think there is a chance that the virus is man-made?**
- 12. Do you think that scientists will find a cure for COVID-19?**