



## 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 |

1 B 2 F 3 D 4 E 5 A 6 C

- 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”?

Because it looks like a crown under the microscope.

2. How does the virus spread?

It spreads by large droplets that come out when people cough/sneeze, it may also be transmitted by touching surfaces on which the droplets land (such as doorknobs). Scientists are not sure whether it is droplet or airborne transmission.

3. How can you avoid getting COVID-19?

By using personal protective equipment, by implementing travel screenings, by implementing isolation precautions to limit the spread of the virus.

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

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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 face 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?