

NEWSREEL 2020-04-04

Arbetsblad

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Vocabulary

News story 1

to bring something to a standstill	att något (här: samhället) stannar
to be stranded	att strandsättas, att bli kvar
my heart sank	jag blev bedrövad

News story 2

challenging	utmanande
particularly	särskilt
countryside	landsbygd

News story 3

to get your fix	att få sin dos
tournament	tävling
to invent	att uppfinna

Before Listening: Working with Vocabulary

Before you listen to the news, look at the vocabulary and guess the news stories!

What do you think the **first news story** is going to be about?

I think news story 1 is going to be about...

What do you think the **second news story** is going to be about?

I think news story 2 is going to be about...

What do you think the **third news story** is going to be about?

I think news story 3 is going to be about...

While Listening: Comprehension Questions

1. Why is Kate Holland recording this episode of Newsreel at home?

News story 1

2. Who can enter and leave Russia?
 - a. Nobody is allowed in or out of Russia
 - b. Russian citizens are allowed in and out of Russia
 - c. Russian citizens have to stay in Russia, but other people can visit

3. How does Theo feel about the Russian borders being closed?

4. What will Theo be doing to cope with being alone?

News story 2

5. Name one reason why you **can** leave home in the UK.

6. What does the first girl in the interview (Olive) miss about school?

7. Why does the second girl in the interview (Tilda) find learning from home quite challenging?

8. What do the girls like about not going to school? Name one answer.

News story 3

9. How are football fans and players getting their fix while they are stuck inside?

- a. They're playing online
- b. They're sneaking out into the park
- c. They have given up playing football totally

10. Why does Luke think this is important? Pick one answer.

11. What surprised Luke about his project?

After Listening: 10-minute discussion

Online football. We learnt about an online football tournament in the first news story. Have you heard about this before? Do you think it is a good idea? Why, or why not? What are the positives about this online tournament for gaming consoles? Can you think of any negatives? Can you think of any other games that you can play online? What are they? Explain and discuss with a classmate.

After Listening: The Big Debate

The pros and cons of learning at home. In the news article you heard from Tilda and Olive, who are not going to school right now and have to study at home. What do you think about this? List down some positive things about learning at home... What do you think would be good? Why do you think that? Now, list down some negative things... what would be hard? What would you struggle with? Pick a side and have a debate with one of your classmates. Try to convince him or her that you have the right answer!

Useful Phrases

In my opinion...

I reckon that...

I think...

I believe...

I agree, because...

I disagree, because...

On the one hand...

On the other hand...

In my personal experience...

According to the news report...

Let's Get Writing: Stranded!

Imagine you, like Theo Mertz, are stranded. You had planned to just take a short trip somewhere and then, suddenly, all the borders were closed. You have somewhere to stay, but you are stuck in this country, far away from your family and friends. Write an e-mail to your friend, Pete, about the situation.

- Describe where you are living – which country? Whereabouts in the country? Where are you staying? What is your accommodation like? Add details so you can really paint a picture for Pete.
- Describe your thoughts and feelings. Maybe you are pretty chill about the whole thing – you can relax and see it as an extension of your holiday... or maybe you're worried and nervous. How do you show these feelings?
- How is day-to-day life? How are you dealing with this new country and new place?
- What things are you doing to keep yourself active?
- How are you keeping in contact with family and friends?

Don't forget to include a greeting at the beginning of your email, and a salutation at the end. Ask Pete some questions about his life during this time.

Answers

News story 1

1. Due to the coronavirus, people in the UK are advised to not go out.
2. b.
3. He's not happy about it, he says "my heart sank"
4. He will start running, doing some more exercise

News story 2

5. Food, health reasons, work that cannot be done at home
6. She misses her friends
7. She likes everything to be orderly
8. (1) can sleep longer/don't have to get up at a certain time, (2) it's nice to be around family, (3) they like to cook, (4) they like to go outside

News story 3

9. a.
10. (1) connecting people, (2) contribute to mental health, (3) keep everyone engaged, (4) support the clubs.
11. There are people from America, Africa and all over Europe involved/ people from the whole world