

14. READING SOBRE EL COVID-19

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NIVEL: INTERMEDIATE

Well, that's coolers, it's been a very peculiar year. **The theme of 2020 is, of course, COVID-19.** Words like "mascarilla", "distanciamiento" and "vacuna" have suddenly become everyday language.

Here is a newspaper article with some of these common words related to COVID-19.



#01 READING: 2020 – THE YEAR OF COVID

*2020 is a year that we will never forget. The coronavirus **pandemic** has changed our world and our lives forever. In the beginning of the year, many people thought that it was just a normal flu, that it would pass.*



*Cases began to appear in Spain in February, and people began to become worried. It started to look very serious. Then, in March, the Spanish government ordered a **lockdown**.*

For months, we could only leave our homes to buy food or go to the hospital.



*In public, it became obligatory to wear a **facemask** and practice **social distancing** of 2 metres.*

*Restaurants, schools, shops and many other businesses closed. Many workers were now in vulnerable situations. There were huge numbers of **furlough** cases – where the state pays 70% of your salary.*

*But even in these tough times, there were wonderful cases of **solidarity**. People donating food to their vulnerable neighbours, music in balconies to keep people happy, applause for essential workers every evening.*

*Now the government has issued a **curfew** – we must be at home from 10pm to 6am.*

*Whilst we have adapted well to this pandemic, we hope that the scientists can soon find a **vaccine** – so we can get our jobs back, so we can see each other's faces, so we can hug our loved ones freely again!*

#02 MATCH THE WORDS WITH THE DEFINITION

01. **Pandemic**

02. **Lockdown**

03. **Facemask**

04. **Social distancing**

05. **Furlough**

06. **Solidarity**

07. **Curfew**

08. **Vaccine**

● A. *Mascarilla*

● B. *Toque de queda*

● C. *Vacuna*

● D. *Pandemia*

● E. *Solidaridad*

● F. *Confinamiento*

● G. *Distanciamiento*

● H. *ERTE*



ANSWERS

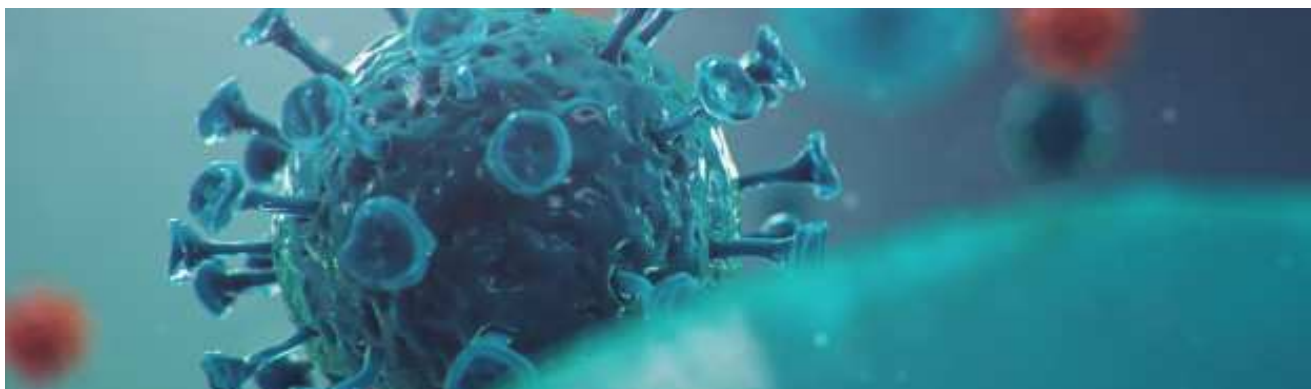
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01-D, 02-F, 03-A, 04-G, 05-H, 06-E, 07-B, 08-C



#03 FILL THE GAPS

Use **the new vocabulary** to fill the gaps in these sentences.



01. *Quick! It's almost 10pm, we have to get home! The _____ starts soon!*

02. *Lots of different countries are trying desperately to find a _____ for COVID-19.*

03. *The minimum _____ should be 2 metres, but it's almost impossible in the metro at busy times.*

04. *The cinema where I work has temporarily closed because of the virus, so I've been on _____ for a month now.*

05. *Kids have adapted very well to wearing the _____, but sometimes they forget and they try to take it off.*



06. *I really hope that there's not another _____, I get so claustrophobic staying at home all day!*

07. *My grandad's neighbours go to the supermarket for him every week because he can't. It's a wonderful act of _____.*

08. *This _____ has changed our lives forever.*



ANSWERS

#03

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| 01. | Curfew |
| 02. | Vaccine |
| 03. | Social distancing |
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| 05. | Facemask |
| 06. | Lockdown |
| 07. | Solidarity |
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