

People want a different life after lockdown

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A survey in the United Kingdom asked people about life after lockdown. The market research and data analytics company YouGov asked 4,343 people about life after the lockdown ends. The company said they were surprised by the people's answers.

Only nine per cent of Britons want life to return to "normal" after the coronavirus outbreak is over. This means 91 per cent want life to be different to how it was before the pandemic started. Over half of people (54%) said they hoped to change the way they live their lives. Lead researcher Professor Tom MacMillan said: "This data shows there is a real appetite for change, and for the nation to learn from this crisis."

Most of the people in the survey said they noticed big changes because of the lockdown. Just over half (51%) have noticed cleaner air outdoors, and 27 per cent have seen more wildlife in the past month. This may encourage people to use cars less when the lockdown ends. Maybe more people will work from home. Many people (42%) said they value food more, and 38 per cent said they are now cooking using recipes and not buying ready-made meals. Another change could be a stronger sense of community. Over 40 per cent of people said they now talk to people who live near them. Professor MacMillan said: "People are trying new things and noticing differences at home, in their work and in communities."

Sources: [sky.com](https://www.sky.com) / [mirror.co.uk](https://www.mirror.co.uk) / [independent.co.uk](https://www.independent.co.uk)

Writing

We all need to change our lifestyle after the pandemic ends. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

survey / lockdown / data / company / surprised / outbreak / half / change / crisis / cleaner air / outdoors / wildlife / encourage / value / cooking / recipes / communities

True / False

- a) There was a survey in the UK about life after lockdown. T / F
- b) A company asked over 43,000 about life after lockdown. T / F
- c) About 90% of British people want life to return to normal. T / F
- d) A researcher said there was an appetite for change among UK people. T / F
- e) Less than half of people in the survey said the air was cleaner. T / F
- f) Over a quarter of people said they have seen more wildlife. T / F
- g) Over half of people are cooking by using recipes. T / F
- h) More people in the survey are talking to their neighbours. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. survey | a. appreciate |
| 2. data | b. alter |
| 3. return | c. hunger |
| 4. change | d. activities |
| 5. appetite | e. figures |
| 6. noticed | f. food |
| 7. value | g. feeling |
| 8. meals | h. questionnaire |
| 9. sense | i. observed |
| 10. things | j. go back |

Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you think about life after lockdown?
- b) How will people feel when lockdown ends?
- c) Will life return to normal after lockdown ends?
- d) Do you want life to return to normal after lockdown finishes?
- e) What will you do differently after lockdown ends?
- f) What did you learn about yourself during lockdown?
- g) What can your country learn from this crisis?
- h) What advice do you have for people in lockdown?

Phrase Match

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| 1. market | a. by the people's answers |
| 2. they were surprised | b. this crisis |
| 3. they hoped to change the way they | c. trying new things |
| 4. This data shows there is a real appetite | d. ready-made meals |
| 5. for the nation to learn from | e. live their lives |
| 6. Just over half (51%) have | f. of community |
| 7. This may encourage people | g. for change |
| 8. cooking using recipes and not buying | h. noticed cleaner air |
| 9. a stronger sense | i. research |
| 10. People are | j. to use cars less |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you think about what you read?
- What changes have you noticed outdoors?
- Have you noticed more wildlife around?
- Has your opinion on food changed in this pandemic?
- What things do you value more now?
- Has your sense of community changed recently?
- What new things might you try after lockdown?
- What questions would you like to ask the market research company?

Spelling

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- learn from this scsrii
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Answers – Synonym Match

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| 1. h | 2. e | 3. j | 4. b | 5. c |
| 6. i | 7. a | 8. f | 9. g | 10. d |

Role Play

Role A – Working From Home

You think working from home is the most important change we need to make. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): more exercise, less driving or more cooking.

Role B – More Exercise

You think more exercise is the most important change we need to make. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): working from home, less driving or more cooking.

Role C – Less Driving

You think less driving is the most important change we need to make. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): more exercise, working from home or more cooking.

Role D – More Cooking

You think more cooking is the most important change we need to make. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): more exercise, less driving or working from home.

Speaking – Post-Pandemic

Rank these with your partner. Put the most important changes at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • Trying new things | • Working from home |
| • More exercise | • Less consumerism |
| • Less driving | • More community work |
| • More cooking | • Focus on wildlife |

Answers – True False

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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.