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Italy mayors scold people not following lockdown

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2003/200328-lockdown.html>

Mayors across Italy are taking direct action to make sure people follow lockdown rules. The whole of Italy is under lockdown. It is one of the countries worst affected by the COVID-19 coronavirus. The country has reported over 80,000 cases of infections. There have also been 8,215 deaths, the most of any country in the world. The whole country is under lockdown but not everyone is following the rules. There are many videos online of mayors going into the streets to order people to stay at home. Over 100,000 people in Italy have been fined for being on the streets without a good reason. Three-quarters of the world is in lockdown as countries try to contain the virus.

Some mayors in Italy are posting angry messages on social media. The mayor of one town said he was tired of people walking their dogs many times a day. He posted a video saying: "Where are you going with these incontinent dogs? You need to stay home. People are dying. Don't you get it? You are irresponsible idiots, colossal idiots." The president of Lombardy, Italy's worst affected region, said: "Too many people are still out and about." Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte said: "Everyone's efforts are needed as the survival of the social and economic fabric of our country is at stake." Italians have also started a worldwide trend of singing from their balcony to cheer people up.

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WARM-UPS

1. LOCKDOWN: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about lockdown. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

mayor / direct / action / lockdown / infection / rules / videos / home / reason / virus
angry / message / dog / idiots / region / survival / fabric / balcony / singing / cheer

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. GLOBAL LOCKDOWN: Students A **strongly** believe the whole world should be locked down for two weeks; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. MAYORS: What should mayors and other leaders do about these things? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What They Should Do?	Challenges
Lockdown		
Security		
Food		
Jobs		
Education		
Health		

5. STREETS: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "streets". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. RULES: Rank these with your partner. Put the most important lockdown rules at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- social distance
- wear a mask
- stay at home
- check your temperature
- do not shake hands
- exercise indoors
- hand washing
- sneeze into a tissue

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. direct | a. Having a virus in your body or in a computer. |
| 2. affected | b. Had to pay money for doing something wrong or breaking the law. |
| 3. infection | c. Immediate and straightforward. |
| 4. following | d. Made a difference to. |
| 5. order | e. Doing what people tell you to do. |
| 6. fined | f. Tell someone to do something. |
| 7. contain | g. Control something to stop it getting bigger or worse. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8. angry | h. An area of a town, country of the world. |
| 9. posted | i. Having a strong feeling or showing annoyance. |
| 10. incontinent | j. A stupid person. |
| 11. idiot | k. The structure of something, especially a society or culture. |
| 12. region | l. Uploaded something on the Internet. |
| 13. fabric | m. Something that many people are doing within a short period of time. |
| 14. trend | n. Having no control over doing what you do in the toilet. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2003/200328-lockdown.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. Mayors in Italy are taking action to make people follow lockdown rules. **T / F**
- b. Italy is the country with the highest number of infections. **T / F**
- c. Almost 10,000 people have been fined for being on the streets. **T / F**
- d. Around 75 per cent of the world is in lockdown. **T / F**
- e. A mayor is angry at people walking dogs too often. **T / F**
- f. The mayor called people on the streets "idiots". **T / F**
- g. Italy's leader said the survival of the Italian fabric industry is at risk. **T / F**
- h. Italians try to cheer each other up by singing on their balcony. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|---------------------|--------------|
| 1. direct | a. area |
| 2. whole | b. attempt |
| 3. following | c. control |
| 4. try | d. fed up |
| 5. contain | e. entire |
| 6. posting | f. at risk |
| 7. tired | g. fools |
| 8. idiots | h. straight |
| 9. region | i. uploading |
| 10. at stake | j. obeying |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Mayors across Italy are | a. the rules |
| 2. It is one of the countries worst | b. quarters of the world |
| 3. not everyone is following | c. to cheer people up |
| 4. fined for being | d. affected |
| 5. Three- | e. idiots |
| 6. he was tired | f. taking direct action |
| 7. irresponsible | g. needed |
| 8. Too many people are still out | h. of people |
| 9. Everyone's efforts are | i. on the streets |
| 10. singing from their balcony | j. and about |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2003/200328-lockdown.html>

Mayors across Italy are taking (1) _____ action to make sure people follow lockdown rules. The (2) _____ of Italy is under lockdown. It is one of the countries worst affected by the COVID-19 coronavirus. The country has reported over 80,000 (3) _____ of infections. There have also been 8,215 deaths, the (4) _____ of any country in the world. The whole country is under lockdown but not everyone is following the (5) _____. There are many videos online of mayors going into the streets to (6) _____ people to stay at home. Over 100,000 people in Italy have been (7) _____ for being on the streets without a good reason. Three-quarters of the world is in lockdown as countries try to (8) _____ the virus.

cases
rules
contain
direct
fined
most
whole
order

Some mayors in Italy are (9) _____ angry messages on social media. The mayor of one town said he was (10) _____ of people walking their dogs many times a day. He posted a video saying: "Where are you going with these incontinent dogs? You need to (11) _____ home. People are dying. Don't you get it? You are irresponsible (12) _____, colossal idiots." The president of Lombardy, Italy's worst affected (13) _____, said: "Too many people are still out and about." Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte said: "Everyone's efforts are needed as the (14) _____ of the social and economic fabric of our country is at (15) _____." Italians have also started a worldwide trend of singing from their balcony to (16) _____ people up.

stay
region
cheer
idiots
posting
stake
tired
survival

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) Mayors across Italy are taking direct action to make sure people _____
 - a. followed lockdown rules
 - b. follows lockdown rules
 - c. follow lockdown rules
 - d. following lockdown rules
- 2) It is one of the countries _____
 - a. worse affected
 - b. worst affected
 - c. worst affect it
 - d. was affected
- 3) The country has reported over 80,000 _____
 - a. case is of infections
 - b. case is off infections
 - c. cases off infections
 - d. cases of infections
- 4) There are many videos online of mayors going into the streets _____
 - a. to order people
 - b. tall order people
 - c. two orders people
 - d. true order people
- 5) Three-quarters of the world is in lockdown as countries try to _____
 - a. contains the virus
 - b. contain the virus
 - c. con train the virus
 - d. continue the virus
- 6) The mayor of one town said he was tired of people _____
 - a. war king their dogs
 - b. walk in their dogs
 - c. walking their dogs
 - d. wore king their dogs
- 7) People are dying. Don't you get it? You are _____
 - a. irresponsible idiot
 - b. irresponsible idiots
 - c. irresponsible idiocy
 - d. irresponsible idioms
- 8) The president of Lombardy, Italy's worst _____
 - a. affection region
 - b. affected region
 - c. affective region
 - d. affectation region
- 9) the survival of the social and economic fabric of our country _____
 - a. is at steak
 - b. is at stoke
 - c. is at stake
 - d. is at streak
- 10) started a worldwide trend of singing from their balcony to _____
 - a. char people up
 - b. career people up
 - c. cheer people up
 - d. chair people up

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Some mayors in Italy are (7) _____ on social media. The mayor of one town said he was tired of people walking their dogs many (8) _____. He posted a video saying: "Where are you going with these incontinent dogs? You need to stay home. People are dying. Don't you get it? You (9) _____, colossal idiots." The president of Lombardy, Italy's (10) _____, said: "Too many people are still out and about." Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte said: "Everyone's efforts are needed as the (11) _____ social and economic fabric of our country is at stake." Italians have also started a worldwide trend of singing from their (12) _____ people up.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2003/200328-lockdown.html>

1. What kind of action did the article say mayors are taking?
2. How much of Italy is under lockdown?
3. What are Italy's mayors ordering people to do?
4. What has happened to 100,000 people in Italy?
5. How much of the world is in lockdown?
6. Where are the mayors putting their messages?
7. What is one mayor angry at people doing?
8. Where did Lombardy's president say too many people were?
9. Whose efforts did Italy's prime minister say was needed?
10. From where are Italian people singing?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2003/200328-lockdown.html>

- 1) What kind of action did the article say mayors are taking?
 - a) insufficient action
 - b) direct action
 - c) limited action
 - d) drastic action
- 2) How much of Italy is under lockdown?
 - a) half of Italy
 - b) about 90% of Italy
 - c) most of Italy
 - d) the whole of Italy
- 3) What are Italy's mayors ordering people to do?
 - a) help their neighbours
 - b) wash their hands
 - c) stay at home
 - d) sing
- 4) What has happened to 100,000 people in Italy?
 - a) they got fined
 - b) they were moved
 - c) they received free food
 - d) they got free masks
- 5) How much of the world is in lockdown?
 - a) two-thirds
 - b) three-quarters
 - c) four-fifths
 - d) seven-eighths
- 6) Where are the mayors putting their messages?
 - a) on social media
 - b) in bottles
 - c) in newspapers
 - d) on the TV
- 7) What is one mayor angry at people doing?
 - a) meeting in groups
 - b) holding hands
 - c) walking dogs
 - d) running
- 8) Where did Lombardy's president say too many people were?
 - a) pit and about
 - b) outdoors
 - c) in malls
 - d) in parks
- 9) Whose efforts did Italy's prime minister say was needed?
 - a) teachers
 - b) nurses
 - c) the police
 - d) everyone's effort
- 10) From where are Italian people singing?
 - a) opera stages
 - b) coffee shops
 - c) balconies
 - d) theatres

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Social Distancing

You think social distancing is the most important lockdown rule to follow. 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): wearing a mask, staying at home or hand washing.

Role B – Wear A Mask

You think wearing a mask is the most important lockdown rule to follow. 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): social distancing, staying at home or hand washing.

Role C – Stay At Home

You think staying at home is the most important lockdown rule to follow. 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): wearing a mask, social distancing or hand washing.

Role D – Hand Washing

You think hand washing is the most important lockdown rule to follow. 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): wearing a mask, staying at home or social distancing.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2003/200328-lockdown.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'mayor' and 'lockdown'.

mayor	lockdown
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• direct• worst• everyone• order• fined• contain	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• angry• times• get• region• stake• balcony
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LOCKDOWN SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2003/200328-lockdown.html>

Write five GOOD questions about lockdown in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

LOCKDOWN DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'mayor'?
3. What do you think of the lockdown rules?
4. What is the lockdown situation in your country?
5. How strict should a lockdown be?
6. What can people do at home during a lockdown?
7. How can a lockdown affect our health?
8. Should the whole world be under a lockdown?
9. How is your country's leader handling this crisis?
10. For what reasons do people need to be on the streets?

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LOCKDOWN DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'lockdown'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Do you understand why mayors are angry?
15. What advice do you have for the mayors?
16. What advice do you have for people in Italy?
17. Why do people not follow lockdown rules?
18. What do you think of the trend of singing on the balcony?
19. What do you think the world will be like this time next week?
20. What questions would you like to ask Italy's mayors?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Some mayors in Italy are (7) _____ angry messages on social media. The mayor of one town said he was tired of people walking their dogs (8) _____ times a day. He posted a video saying: "Where are you going with these incontinent dogs? You need to stay home. People are dying. Don't you (9) _____ it? You are irresponsible idiots, colossal idiots." The president of Lombardy, Italy's worst affected (10) _____, said: "Too many people are still out and about." Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte said: "Everyone's efforts are needed (11) _____ the survival of the social and economic fabric of our country is at stake." Italians have also started a worldwide trend of singing from their balcony to cheer people (12) _____.

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) direction | (b) directs | (c) director | (d) direct |
| 2. | (a) around | (b) between | (c) over | (d) under |
| 3. | (a) at | (b) of | (c) on | (d) to |
| 4. | (a) hole | (b) holy | (c) whole | (d) whale |
| 5. | (a) been | (b) went | (c) going | (d) goes |
| 6. | (a) contain | (b) content | (c) client | (d) castanet |
| 7. | (a) jumping | (b) upping | (c) posting | (d) increasing |
| 8. | (a) many | (b) much | (c) most | (d) mere |
| 9. | (a) real | (b) get | (c) post | (d) try |
| 10. | (a) legion | (b) ration | (c) region | (d) portion |
| 11. | (a) was | (b) has | (c) as | (d) is |
| 12. | (a) down | (b) over | (c) by | (d) up |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. taking eitcdr action
2. one of the countries worst edctfafa
3. over 80,000 cases of tsfeioincn
4. fedni for being on the streets
5. Three-rurtqsea of the world
6. countries try to ctniaon the virus

Paragraph 2

7. angry agmssee on social media
8. irresponsible itiosd
9. Everyone's ffoters are needed
10. the rslaivvu of the social and economic fabric
11. started a worldwide entdr
12. singing from their bnolyca

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2003/200328-lockdown.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () tired of people walking their dogs many times a day. He posted a video saying: "Where are you
- () the rules. There are many videos online of mayors going into the streets to order people to stay
- () Some mayors in Italy are posting angry messages on social media. The mayor of one town said he was
- () idiots, colossal idiots." The president of Lombardy, Italy's worst affected region, said: "Too
- () efforts are needed as the survival of the social and economic fabric of our country is at
- () going with these incontinent dogs? You need to stay home. People are dying. Don't you get it? You are irresponsible
- () reason. Three-quarters of the world is in lockdown as countries try to contain the virus.
- () of Italy is under lockdown. It is one of the countries worst affected by the COVID-19 coronavirus. The country has
- () of any country in the world. The whole country is under lockdown but not everyone is following
- () reported over 80,000 cases of infections. There have also been 8,215 deaths, the most
- () stake." Italians have also started a worldwide trend of singing from their balcony to cheer people up.
- () at home. Over 100,000 people in Italy have been fined for being on the streets without a good
- () many people are still out and about." Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte said: "Everyone's
- (**1**) Mayors across Italy are taking direct action to make sure people follow lockdown rules. The whole

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. people lockdown sure make to Action rules . follow
2. under lockdown . The Italy whole of is
3. worst It of affected . countries is one the
4. a the Being streets without reason . good on
5. world is in lockdown . the Three-quarters of
6. in angry Italy are mayors posting messages . Some
7. dogs . people was of their tired He walking
8. still are people Too many out and about .
9. started Italians have also trend . a worldwide
10. people from balcony Singing their cheer to up .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2003/200328-lockdown.html>

Mayors across Italy are taking *direct* / *direction* action to make sure people follow lockdown rules. The whole of Italy is *over* / *under* lockdown. It is one of the countries worst *affection* / *affected* by the COVID-19 coronavirus. The country has reported over 80,000 *cases* / *castes* of infections. There have also been 8,215 deaths, the most of *many* / *any* country in the world. The whole country is under lockdown but not everyone is *following* / *followed* the rules. There are many videos online of mayors *gone* / *going* into the streets to order people to stay *at* / *to* home. Over 100,000 people in Italy have been fined for being on the streets without a good *reason* / *reasons*. Three-quarters of the world is in lockdown as countries try to *container* / *contain* the virus.

Some mayors in Italy are posting *angrily* / *angry* messages on social media. The mayor of one town said he was *tired* / *tried* of people walking their dogs many times *the* / *a* day. He posted a video saying: "Where are you going with these *incontinent* / *continental* dogs? You need to stay home. People are dying. Don't you get it? You are *responsibility* / *irresponsible* idiots, colossal idiots." The president of Lombardy, Italy's *bad* / *worst* affected region, said: "Too many people are still out and *about* / *abut*." Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte said: "Everyone's *effort* / *efforts* are needed as the survival of the social and economic fabric of our country is at *steak* / *stake*." Italians have also started a worldwide trend of singing from their balcony to cheer people *up* / *down*.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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M_y_r s _c_r_s s I_t_l_y _r_ t_k_n_g d_r_c_t _c_t__ n
t_ m_k_ s_r_ p__ pl_ f_ll_w l_c_k_d_w_n r_l_s. Th_
w_h_l_ _f I_t_l_y _s _n_d_r l_c_k_d_w_n. It _s _n_ _f
th_ c__ n_t_r__ s w_r_s_t _f_f_c_t_d b_y th_ C_O_V_I_D
- 1_9 c_r_n_v_r_s. Th_ c__ n_t_r_y h_s r_p_r_t_d
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c__ n_t_r_y _n th_ w_r_l_d. Th_ w_h_l_ c__ n_t_r_y _s
_n_d_r l_c_k_d_w_n b_t n_t _v_r_y_n_ _s f_ll_w_n_g
th_ r_l_s. Th_r_ _r_ m_n_y v_d__ s _n_l_n_ _f
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r__ t_s w_t_h__ t _g__ d r__ s_n. Th_r__ -q__ r_t_r
s _f th_ w_r_l_d _s _n l_c_k_d_w_n _s c__ n_t_r__ s
t_r_y t_ c_n_t__ n th_ v_r_s.

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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2003/200328-lockdown.html>

mayors across italy are taking direct action to make sure people follow lockdown rules the whole of italy is under lockdown it is one of the countries worst affected by the covid19 coronavirus the country has reported over 80000 cases of infections there have also been 8215 deaths the most of any country in the world the whole country is under lockdown but not everyone is following the rules there are many videos online of mayors going into the streets to order people to stay at home over 100000 people in italy have been fined for being on the streets without a good reason threequarters of the world is in lockdown as countries try to contain the virus

some mayors in italy are posting angry messages on social media the mayor of one town said he was tired of people walking their dogs many times a day he posted a video saying where are you going with these incontinent dogs you need to stay home people are dying dont you get it you are irresponsible idiots colossal idiots the president of lombardy italys worst affected region said too many people are still out and about prime minister giuseppe conte said everyones efforts are needed as the survival of the social and economic fabric of our country is at stake italians have also started a worldwide trend of singing from their balcony to cheer people up

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Mayors across Italy are taking direct action to make sure people follow lockdown rules. The whole of Italy is under lockdown. It is one of the countries worst affected by the COVID-19 coronavirus. The country has reported over 80,000 cases of infections. There have also been 8,215 deaths, the most of any country in the world. The whole country is under lockdown but not everyone is following the rules. There are many videos online of mayors going into the streets to order people to stay at home. Over 100,000 people in Italy have been fined for being on the streets without a good reason. Three-quarters of the world is in lockdown as countries try to contain the virus. Some mayors in Italy are posting angry messages on social media. The mayor of one town said he was tired of people walking their dogs many times a day. He posted a video saying: "Where are you going with these innocent dogs? You need to stay home. People are dying. Don't you get it? You are irresponsible idiots, colossal idiots." The president of Lombardy, Italy's worst affected region, said: "Too many people are still out and about." Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte said: "Everyone's efforts are needed as the survival of the social and economic fabric of our country is at stake." Italians have also started a worldwide trend of singing from their balcony to cheer people up.

ACADEMIC WRITING

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People who do not follow lockdown rules should be put in prison. Discuss.

HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. CORONAVIRUS: Make a poster about the coronavirus. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. LOCKDOWNS: Write a magazine article about lockdowns. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against them.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on lockdowns. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on what to do during a lockdown. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c 2. d 3. a 4. e 5. f 6. b 7. g
8. i 9. l 10. n 11. j 12. h 13. k 14. m

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a T b F c F d T e T f T g F h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Direct action
2. The whole of Italy
3. Stay at home
4. They have been fined
5. Three-quarters
6. On social media
7. Walking dogs many times a day
8. Out and about
9. Everyone's efforts
10. Their balcony

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. Action to make sure people follow lockdown rules.
2. The whole of Italy is under lockdown.
3. It is one of the countries worst affected.
4. Being on the streets without a good reason.
5. Three-quarters of the world is in lockdown.
6. Some mayors in Italy are posting angry messages.
7. He was tired of people walking their dogs.
8. Too many people are still out and about.
9. Italians have also started a worldwide trend.
10. Singing from their balcony to cheer people up.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b 2. d 3. c 4. a 5. b 6. a 7. c 8. a 9. d 10. c

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)