

# What is worth struggling for?

How are things going on? How does the pandemic continue?

How do people spend their time at home?

What has been done to reduce the infections in your countries?

Do students go to school or have online lessons?

How did people celebrate Easter holidays?

There have been many restrictions and everyone has had to adapt to these changes, even kids and teens.

Adults have been told to avoid any contact, to use masks, not to touch their mouth, eyes, nose very often and to wear gloves. In addition to these rules, teachers have taken action and started online lessons for their students and distance teaching.

Teachers have created virtual classes to be able to reach all students, they are using websites to upload worksheets, online lessons and videoconferences are organized every day, because being stuck at home under these circumstances does not mean taking a sudden and endless holiday. Students can also watch lessons on TV: there are different programmes according to the different grades.

Before living this strange and bad experience most students thought that staying at home for two months or more would have been relaxing, a sort of summer vacation.

At the beginning they were a little uncertain about how it would end, at the same time they were thrilled and excited with the idea of a virtual school, then they slowly realized that distance learning is complicated and quite difficult. It's not easy for all to have a computer or a device to be connected, quiet spaces to follow lessons and be concentrated, sometimes the connection does not work, you cannot hear anything and you feel a sense of isolation.

A lot of students were lucky to have the possibility to go to school every day and school routine was taken for granted, but now lots of them are missing school and understand their real value.

In addition to school, people are realising the importance of everyday activities such as getting up early in the morning, running out of the house without breakfast because it is late.

Distance learning is quite strange because there is no noise around you, you cannot chat with your classmates as you can do in the classroom, however the main problem is finding concentration with a mobile phone in one hand and food in the other one, perhaps wearing a pyjamas. In distance learning there are very few relations and interactions; you wonder whether the others are really interested and paying attention to what you are saying. It seems you are talking to yourself or to a screen. What a strange feeling!

Going to school is not just learning and studying; relations with classmates and teachers are relevant and help you to improve and become a responsible citizen.

Staying at home has changed visions of life, family and relations among parents and children have been rediscovered and appreciated. Being comfortable and in peace with yourself and the others seems to be essential.

Being a family does not mean just living in the same house but sharing experiences, supporting and helping each other.

A lot of people are spending their time at home, thinking of how the future will be, but others are working hard to change and solve the present situation: doctors, nurses, police officers, scientists are trying to save people's lives without taking care of theirs.

During these days we have realized how people all over the world are related, only together we can get out of this emergency, together we will return to normality saying thank you to all those heroes who are struggling to give us a chance to survive.

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