

Listening Practice: Quarantine across the World

Comprehension questions:

1. Shannon, New Zealand

- a. How many days of quarantine has Shannon experienced so far? b. What's the best thing about quarantine for Shannon? c. What's the worst thing?

2. Emily, Australia

- a. What does "Stage 4 Isolation" mean in Australia? (cannot leave the house unless it's for supermarket, pharmacy, exercise and care) b. Why does Emily feel confident about the situation (the number of cases in Australia is low) c. What is she spending a lot of time doing? (TIK TOK)

3. Kelsey, the US

- a. What is the best thing about the quarantine for Kelsey? (more time for relaxing and hobbies) b. What is Kelsey worried about? (her elderly relatives coming to the house to visit) c. What has Kelsey been finding fun? (catching up with friends)

4. Terrance, Spain

- a. How long has Terrance been inside his house? (17 days) b. What has been the strangest thing about quarantine for Terrance? (he lives on his own) c. What is the best thing about quarantine for Terrance? (doing things he doesn't normally have time to do: painting and drawing, listening to records, catching up with friends,

5. Lærke, Denmark

- a. What has been closed down in Denmark? (schools and universities, some small businesses, restaurants and bars) b. What has Lærke been spending time doing? c. Why is she feeling depressed? (lack of solidarity, and different racist groups are growing

6. Olivia, the UK

- a. What is Olivia finding strange? (that the city of London is very empty) b. What is the worst thing for Olivia during the quarantine? (not being able to go outside) c. What did Olivia and her two housemates do last week? (had a house party using bike lights as disco light

Comprehension answers:

1. Shannon, New Zealand
 - a. 10 days b. Wearing her pajamas c. Not being able to see her girlfriend
2. Emily, Australia
 - a. People cannot leave their houses unless they need to go to the supermarket or the pharmacy, need to exercise, or need care b. The number of cases in Australia is low c. Using TikTok
3. Kelsey, the US
 - a. What is the best thing about the quarantine for Kelsey? (more time for relaxing and hobbies) b. What is Kelsey worried about? (her elderly relatives coming to the house to visit) c. What has Kelsey been finding fun? (catching up with friends)
4. Terrance, Spain
 - a. 17 days b. He lives on his own c. Doing things that he doesn't normally have time to do, such as painting and drawing, listening to records, catching up with friends
5. Lærke, Denmark
 - a. Schools and universities, some small businesses, restaurants and bars b. Painting and decorating her new apartment c. She's worried about a lack of solidarity after the crisis finishes and that different racist groups are growing
6. Olivia, the UK
 - a. The city of London is very empty b. Not being able to go outside c. They had a party using bike lights as disco lights