

# COVID-19 “Sometimes the sun shines through the rain” (worksheet)

# Activity 1

## Warm-up

*Look at the picture and discuss the questions:*

**1. What are we going to talk about?**



**2. How did your life change when pandemics had broken out?**

**3. Do you work/study remotely? Do you like it? Why/why not?**

**4. Do you take any preventive measure in order not to get infected?**

**5. How would you comment on the statements below:**

*"Any kind of crisis can be good. It wakes you up. " Ryan Reynolds*

*"Crises are part of life. Everybody has to face them, and it doesn't make any difference what the crisis is.*

*" Jack Nicklaus*

*"Something good comes out of every crisis."*

*Dave Pelzer*

# Activity 2

## Vocabulary expansion

*Match the words with their definitions.*

<b>outbreak</b>	<b>the gas formed when carbon is burned, or when people or animals breathe out:</b>
<b>lockdown</b>	<b>to slowly disappear, lose importance, or become weaker</b>
<b>carbon emission</b>	<b>a time when something suddenly begins, especially a disease or something else dangerous or unpleasant</b>
<b>shutter</b>	<b>to move or develop faster than someone or something else</b>
<b>fade away</b>	<b>a situation in which people are not allowed to enter or leave a building or area freely because of an emergency</b>
<b>nitrogen dioxide</b>	<b>a piece of thick heavy cloth smaller than a carpet, used for covering the floor or for decoration</b>
<b>to outpace</b>	<b>to close down a business or activity</b>
<b>a rug</b>	<b>a poisonous brown gas, formed when some metals dissolve in nitric acid</b>

## Activity 2

### Vocabulary expansion

**Complete the sentences with the words from the list in the correct form.**

*carbon emission, outbreak, to fade away, to outpace, to shutter, rug, lockdown, nitrogen dioxide*

- 1. The school has been placed on \_\_\_\_\_ this morning because of terrorist attack threat.**
- 2. Before the \_\_\_\_\_ of COVID-19 the USA had tense relations with China because of the trade war.**
- 3. Some automakers are temporary \_\_\_\_\_ plants in response to failing demand.**
- 4. My dog loves lying on the \_\_\_\_\_ in front of the fire.**
- 5. We all need to do more to reduce \_\_\_\_\_.**
- 6. In 1983 the environmental standards were set for other major pollutants: carbon monoxide, \_\_\_\_\_ and fine particulates.**
- 7. The company has completely \_\_\_\_\_ its rivals in the market.**
- 8. As the years passed the memories \_\_\_\_\_.**

# Activity 3

## Virus aftermath

### Read the passages and discuss the questions

*Hardeep Dhillon, consultant solicitor of family law at Richard Nelson, said that after Christmas the U.K. legal firm noted a 230% increase in the internet search, "I want a divorce." She's now expecting a similar trend in the U.K., especially following reports of a rise in couples looking to split in China, where the virus outbreak originated and people have been in lockdown for much longer.*

*(taken from ["As couples self-isolate due to coronavirus, lawyers expect a rise in divorces"](#) by Vicky McKeever).*

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*As industries, transport networks and businesses have closed down, it has brought a sudden drop in carbon emissions. Compared with this time last year, levels of pollution in New York have reduced by nearly 50% because of measures to contain the virus.*

*In China, emissions fell 25% at the start of the year as people were instructed to stay at home, factories shuttered and coal use fell by 40% at China's six largest power plants since the last quarter of 2019.*

*The proportion of days with "good quality air" was up 11.4% compared with the same time last year in 337 cities across China, according to its Ministry of Ecology and Environment. In Europe, satellite images show nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) emissions fading away over northern Italy. A similar story is playing out in Spain and the UK.*

*(taken from ["Will Covid-19 have a lasting impact on the environment?"](#) by Martha Heriques)*

# Activity 3

## Virus aftermath

*In the US online purchases of shelf-stable grocery items have grown substantially in the last few days, including Rice (+432%), Flour (+423%), Canned & Jarred Vegetables (+337%), Canned & Prepared Beans (+433%), and Canned & Dry Milk (+378%) compared to the first four weeks of January.*

*In Italy, people prepared to take good care of themselves at home after a partial lockdown on February 25th. Sales of Medical Supplies spiked by +286% in early March. France, which has enacted a country-wide quarantine, saw sales of medical supplies outpace even food products in early March, rising by nearly +600%.*

*In the UK, sales of Canned & Dry Milk spiked by more than +350% last week, while Canned & Jarred Fruits were up by +297%. Flour sales skyrocketed to +623%. In the US, sales of home improvement, gardening, and interior design products—which includes things like office furniture, lamps, and area rugs - were up +13% in early March and still up by +8% last week, compared to January 2019.*

*(taken from ["5 ways the coronavirus is affecting consumer behaviour"](#) by Michelle Pruett)/*

- 1. How did COVID-19 influence married couples? Did it influence your relations with your spouse (if you're married)? Do you know couples who are going to divorce due to quarantine?**
- 2. Do you think environment could benefit from COVID-19 and how? Have you noticed that ecological situation in your city has improved?**
- 3. How have your buying habits changed due to pandemics? Try to predict consumers' behavior after the crisis. Will people keep on spending their money on material goods or start thinking about spiritual stuff like charity activity, caring about environment?**
- 4. How could you personally benefit from pandemics? Would you change your life after it has been over? In which way?**

*Comment on the statements:*

*While you are chilling at home during self-isolation with netflix or youtube, there are people across the world who have no clue how to make ends meet.*  
*Abhijit Naskar*

*I used to be a hugger, now I am a social distance.*  
*Reynolds-Frasier*

*Keep calm and shop the internet.*  
*Steven Magee*

# Activity 5

## Through thick and thin

*Watch the **video** and answer the questions:*

- 1. Is there any connection between COVID-19 and an increase of divorce applications? Why?**
- 2. When does divorce rate usually rise and why?**
- 3. How do divorce rates change due to natural disasters?**
- 4. What are the factors that contribute to worsening relationships in the families after disaster?**
- 5. What is possible positive consequence for the world due to COVID-19.**
- 6. Are spouses strong in their decisions to divorce?**
- 7. What is the basic tip concerning escaping such a situation?**





## Activity 6

The sun will shine through the rain

*Discuss the questions:*

- 1. Have your relationships with your wife/husband worsened due to long staying at home?**
- 2. What do you do to have good relationships with your spouse?**
- 3. Do you feel optimistic about future of mankind after COVID-19?**
- 4. Have you already thought what you are going to do after the world quarantine?**