



## CORONAVIRUS

### Queen Elizabeth II's speech – April 2020.



1. Listen and watch the Queen's broadcast on BBC channel, talking to all British people about Covid-19.

Complete the script.

"I am speaking to you at what I know is an increasingly \_\_\_\_\_ time. A time of disruption in the life of our country: a disruption that has brought grief to some, financial \_\_\_\_\_ to many, and enormous changes to the daily \_\_\_\_\_ of us all.

I want to thank everyone on the NHS \_\_\_\_\_, as well as care workers and those carrying out essential roles, who selflessly continue their day-to-day duties outside the home in support of us all. I am sure the nation will join me in assuring you that what you do is \_\_\_\_\_ and every hour of your hard work brings us closer to a return to more \_\_\_\_\_.

I also want to thank those of you who are \_\_\_\_\_, thereby helping to protect the vulnerable and sparing many families the pain already felt by those who have lost loved ones. Together we are tackling this \_\_\_\_\_, and I want to reassure you that if we remain united and resolute, then we will \_\_\_\_\_ it.

I hope in the years to come everyone will be able to \_\_\_\_\_ in how they responded to this challenge.

And \_\_\_\_\_ come after us will say the Britons of this generation were as strong \_\_\_\_\_ any. That the attributes of self-discipline, of quiet good-humoured resolve and of fellow-feeling still \_\_\_\_\_ this country.

The pride in who we are is not a part of our past, it defines our present and our future.

The moments when the United Kingdom has \_\_\_\_\_ to applaud its care and essential workers will be remembered as an expression of our \_\_\_\_\_; and its symbol will be the \_\_\_\_\_ drawn by children.

Across the Commonwealth and around the world, we have seen heart-warming stories of people coming together to \_\_\_\_\_, be it through delivering food parcels and medicines, checking on neighbours, or converting businesses to help the relief effort.

And though \_\_\_\_\_ may at times be hard, many people of all \_\_\_\_\_, and of none, are discovering that it presents an opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_, pause and reflect, in prayer or meditation.

It reminds me of the very first \_\_\_\_\_ I made, in \_\_\_\_\_, helped by my sister. We, as children, spoke from here at Windsor to children who \_\_\_\_\_ from their homes and sent away for their own safety.

Today, \_\_\_\_\_, many will feel a painful sense of separation from their loved ones. But now, as then, we know, \_\_\_\_\_, that it is \_\_\_\_\_.

While we have faced challenges before, this one is different. This time we join with all nations across the globe in a common endeavour, using the great \_\_\_\_\_ and our instinctive compassion to heal. \_\_\_\_\_ - and that success will belong to every one of us.

We should take comfort that while we may have more still to endure, \_\_\_\_\_ days will return: we will be with our friends again; we will be with our families again; \_\_\_\_\_.

But for now, I send my thanks and \_\_\_\_\_ good wishes to you all. "

**2. Find in the script a word for each of the following definitions:**

- a. \_\_\_\_\_: (n) temporary interruption of something.
- b. \_\_\_\_\_: (n) great mental suffering or distress over a loss or disappointment.
- c. \_\_\_\_\_: (n) National Health Service. British health organization supported by the British Crown.
- d. \_\_\_\_\_: (v) working with or beginning work on (something), so as to handle or solve it.
- e. \_\_\_\_\_: (n) the state or quality of being properly proud about something good that one has or has done.
- f. \_\_\_\_\_: (n) an association of sovereign states, almost all of which were at some time dependencies of the UK.
- g. \_\_\_\_\_: (n) a package.
- h. \_\_\_\_\_: (n) an effort to do or attain something.
- i. \_\_\_\_\_: (v) to bear without resistance or with patience; to tolerate.

**3. Answer TRUE or FALSE to the following statements about the script.**

- a. According to the Queen, this disease has brought mental and economic problems to many people.
- b. She acknowledges the effort of the people who are helping to find missing people.
- c. She mentions that British people's strength will be recognized in the future.
- d. According to the Queen, rainbows drawn by children are a symbol of unity.
- e. She is prompting people to enjoy their staying at home, by taking some time to pray and meditate.
- f. The Queen mentions about a previous disease in Britain in which many people also were separated from their families.