CORONAVIRUS: its effects around the world



Fill in the blanks with the verb in brackets by using the appropriate verb tense:
-simple present
-present continuous
-simple past
-present perfect
-a structure to express the future

Do NOT use any modal verbs.
Do NOT use the passive voice.

Read the sentences carefully to decide which verb tense is correct.

NEWS RECAP in late April 2020:

How ..... coronavirus ..... (1. **change**) the world?

EUROPE:

As we can see on a few videos, tourist hotspots ..... (2. **be)** deserted in Paris, while in Brussels, people ..... (3. **queue**) in front of supermarkets. According to the French authorities, the effects of social distancing measures ..... (4. **start**) to be felt. During a press conference a few days ago, the French Prime Minister ..... (5. **declare**) that « Our lives from May 11th ..... (6. **not be)** exactly the life we ..... (7. **have)** before confinement ». Edouard Philippe ..... (8. **underline**) that the health crisis ..... (9. **not be**) over yet.
The tubes in the UK ..... (10. **be**) normally much more crowded, but the British government ..... (11. **make)** it clear this morning that schools and areas of hospitality like pubs and restaurants ..... (12. **not reopen)** next month.
On a positive note, the Venice lockdown ..... (13. **leave)** canals much cleaner! Some fish can even be seen now!
Germany ..... (14. **relax**) some of its lockdown measures from today because the outbreak now ..... (15. **seem**) to be under control.

ASIA:

At the moment, various countries ..... (16. **enforce**) mandatory confinement rules, so the people in Jordan ..... (17. **rush**) to buy essential household items earlier this morning.

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In India, robots ..... (18. **help**) dispense hand sanitizers, masks and messages every day.
In China, life ..... (19. **start**) to pick up again.

AUSTRALIA:

Three of Sydney's beaches ..... (20. **reopen**) to ease mental strain: only exercise is allowed and social distancing rules still ..... (21. **apply**). Crowds ..... (22. **be**) thin on the first day of re-opening but local officials ..... (23. **say**) it ..... (24. **make**) a big difference to mental health in the near future. However most of Sydney's other beaches ..... (25. **remain**) closed until further notice. Meanwhile, South Australia Police .....

(26. **spot**) a kangaroo hopping in downtown Adelaide during lockdown!

AMERICA:

Lockdown restrictions ..... (27. **provoke**) protests in the US. People ..... (28. **demonstrate**) a few days ago in states including Texas, Ohio and Wisconsin. US governors ..... (29. **just announce**) concrete steps to begin a safe gradual and phased opening: for example, Texas ..... (30. **allow**) certain businesses to open next week whereas Montana ..... (31. **begin**) lifting restrictions next Friday. President Trump ..... (32. **say**) his administration ..... (33. **currently take**) unprecedented actions to rush economic relief.
The pandemic ..... (34. **affect**) Brazil too. The healthcare system in the biggest South-American country ..... (35. **be**) so close to collapse that they ..... (36. **convert**) football stadiums into temporary hospitals: in Sao Paulo, there ..... (37. **be**) more than two hundred beds for patients with Covid-19. Nonetheless President Bolsonaro ..... (38. **be**) against the idea of a national shutdown. He ..... (39. **say**) he ..... (40. **worry**) about the economic impact of such measures.

Worldwide, the pandemic ..... (41. **kill**) thousands of people.

Adapted from BBC news and French Riviera news.

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