

## 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

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

Do NOT use any modal verbs.

Do NOT use the passive voice.

## 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.