

The Coronavirus

In this lesson, you will learn five facts about COVID-19, the coronavirus outbreak of 2019–20.

A. Warm-Up Questions

1. Are you worried about the coronavirus?
2. Is the situation getting better or worse where you live?
3. What does it mean to be quarantined?

B. Vocabulary Preview

Match up the words and meanings

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| ___ 1. coronavirus | a) a sudden increase in something negative |
| ___ 2. outbreak | b) an isolation to protect the health of the sick person and the public |
| ___ 3. affect | c) a group of people from a specific region or culture |
| ___ 4. ethnicity | d) easily transferred from one person to another |
| ___ 5. contagious | e) to cause results or changes |
| ___ 6. quarantine | f) a type of virus (a very small living thing that causes illness) |
| ___ 7. symptom | g) often, many times |
| ___ 8. frequently | h) a change in the body that shows there is illness, such as a cough or fever |

Listen to the audio and do the exercises below.

Fill in the blanks with the new words.

1. COVID-19 started in animals.
COVID-19 is a type of _____. This coronavirus jumped from animals to humans in late 2019.
The _____ began at a seafood market in the Chinese city of _____.
2. COVID-19 can make anyone sick.
This disease can _____ anyone. People of any race or _____ can catch it.
3. COVID-19 is _____.
COVID-19 can spread from one person to another. To limit the spread of COVID-19, people who have it or have been near someone who has it should go into _____.
4. COVID-19 _____ are similar to the flu. The symptoms for COVID-19 are similar to the symptoms of the flu.
The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are a fever, cough, and shortness of breath.
5. There are ways to keep yourself and others healthy. Health officials say that the best way to stay healthy is to _____ wash your hands for 20 seconds. They also recommend that you avoid touching your face. If you feel sick, you should stay at home so you don't make other people sick.

Answer the questions :

1. How can you protect yourself and others from COVID-19?
2. What things should people buy when they are preparing to spend weeks or months at home?
3. What are some steps that governments can take to keep everyone safe?

