

## ESOL: E2 Writing

### Reading and writing lesson – June 17<sup>th</sup> 2020

1) Write three lockdown rules in England that are true today:

- I)
- II)
- III)

2) Write three things you can do now that you couldn't do at the start of the lockdown:

- I)
- II)
- III)

3) Read the news article and find the new rule for shops in England. Then answer all the questions.



The image shows the BBC News website header. At the top left is the BBC logo with a user profile for 'Liam'. To the right are links for 'News', 'Sport', 'Weather', 'iPlayer', 'Sounds', and 'More'. A search bar with a magnifying glass icon is on the far right. Below the header is a red navigation bar with the word 'NEWS' in white. Underneath are links for 'Home', 'UK', 'World', 'Business', 'Politics', 'Tech', 'Science', 'Health', 'Family & Education', 'Entertainment & Arts', 'Stories', and 'More'. The 'Business' link is underlined in red, indicating the current section. Below this are sub-links for 'Business', 'Your Money', 'Market Data', 'Companies', and 'Economy'.

## Shoppers rush to the High Street as England stores reopen

15 June 2020

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Coronavirus pandemic

**Demand increased across England's High Streets, retail parks and shopping centres on Monday as some shops reopened after a three-month lockdown.**

Footfall was 38.8% higher than last week, as high demand caused long queues.

However, shopper numbers were generally far below the same time last year.

But Bicester Village, a shopping centre near Oxford, was so crowded that 3,000 people signed a petition to close it.

All shops in England are now allowed to open, but with strict safety measures.

Safety measures include plastic screens at the tills and floor markings to keep shoppers two metres apart - measures that are already regular in supermarkets.

Jaydee Darrock, from Warwickshire, was one of the first customers inside Primark's Birmingham store after queuing from about 07:00. She described it as "surprisingly calm".

"We thought it would be chaotic, it's not, it's quite nice," she said.

### Vocabulary

**Demand** = a need for something to be sold or supplied

**Footfall** = the number of people who go into a shop or business at a particular time

**Sign** = write your signature

**Petition** = a document signed by a large number of people demanding or asking for some action from the government or another authority

**Plastic screen** = piece of thin plastic that blocks or covers something

**Till** = cash register in a shop or business

**Floor marking** = something written or drawn on the floor to give instructions

**Regular** = common or normal

**Chaotic** = hectic / very busy

#### **4) Questions:**

The new rule is that all shops in England have to open from Monday – True / False

The new rule is that all shops in England are allowed to open on Monday, with strict safety measures – True / False

There were more shoppers at the same time last year than this year – True / false

Why did 3,000 people sign a petition?

- To close

Why do you think there are now plastic screens at tills?

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Did Jaydee Darrock expect that Primark would be calm before she went? - Yes / no

**5) Video – watch and answer the questions**

Does the video say there were lines of thousands of people? - Yes / no

What does **dozens of** mean? - Thousands / lots of / not many

**'budget** clothes store' - budget means: expensive / cheap / huge

What will passengers on public transport need to wear from now on? -

## 6) Writing

Write an email to a friend who lives in a different country.

Tell them about the new shopping rules in England, and tell them about your plan to go shopping.

- Where will you go?
- What will you buy?
- How will you keep safe?

Ask your friend about the shopping rules/restrictions in their country.

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