



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.