

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. "

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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.

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