

Present Perfect Continuous | Reading Comprehension.

A) Read the following text, then answer the questions below.

Ever since this pandemic started, many things in life have changed. Sometimes I imagine Chernobyl and think of how it would be if COVID-19 did the same with my city. It sounds like a lot to think about a **ghost town**, but it's not far away from reality... reality is **extreme**.

When the lock down started we all imagined it was going to be a matter of two or three weeks, but its first birthday anniversary is **around the corner**. Since then, I have been doing lots of things differently. First of all, I've played lots of videogames, although it had seemed fun I got bored of it soon. Second, I started gardening, and I still do, watering my plants, taking care of my orange tree, cleaning the space up and more. I have been gardening for almost one year now. Then, I have also been practicing some music; I've been singing, playing the bass and even learning some violin... it's hard but entertaining.

Besides my hobbies, I've also **gotten used to** my family members, now I have some deep talks with my mother, now I've gotten sick of my sister less often and I have been eating healthier. Everytime I go to the store or market I forget my mask, I've come back home mad at life **snorting** some bad words to just get my mask and go all the way once more to do the errands.

We've all been waking up 10 minutes before our first class, and going back to bed in the inter time of each class. We've been spending a lot of time sitting down with teachers who get mad at us if we move or aren't focused on the webcam. It's stupid, isn't it? Now it's penalized to use our cellphones in our own houses *chuckles* I bet some of us have been struggling with sight problems and now wear glasses... not to mention anxiety, **OCD** and so on. **WHAT EVER**, we're coming back to school soon... hopefully 'cause I've been feeling sick of distance.

1- How would you title the text?

2- What type of text do you think it is? (A blog, an article, a diary, a self-biography...) Why?

3- Mention 3 ways in which the writer's life has changed:

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4- Select the sentence using Present Perfect:

d) We've been struggling with sight problems e) I've been doing things f) I've gotten used to

5- How do you relate yourself with the experiences told in the text?

6- What are some activities you have been doing since pandemic started?

B) Match the words in the bank with the correct definition.

ghost town	extreme	around the corner	get used to	snorting	OCD
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_____ *Phrasal verb.* To become familiar with a situation and take it as normal after a while.

_____ *Noun.* Disorder in which people have recurring, unwanted thoughts, ideas or sensations (obsessions) that make them feel driven to do something repetitively (compulsions).

_____ *Adjective.* Quality of a thing or situation characterized by being over the line or exaggerated.

_____ *Noun.* An old city, county or community where any people no longer live.

_____ *Verb.* Guttural sound when pronouncing words with certain intonation. Also, sounds pigs and other animals make.

_____ *Adverb.* Characterized by being or coming near or very close.

C) Ask 5 different classmates about one thing they have been doing differently since the lockdown started, write them down using Present Perfect Continuous:

- Nahiara *has been eating* lots of junk food and going to bed late.
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