



Quarantine

We have now all experienced quarantine. How would you define it?

Did you know?

The practice of quarantine, as we know it, began during the 14th century in an effort to protect coastal cities from plague epidemics. Ships arriving in Venice from infected ports were required to sit at anchor for 40 days before landing. This practice, called quarantine, was derived from the Italian words *quaranta giorni* which mean 40 days.

Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/quarantine/historyquarantine.html>



Time for research

- What is a plague?
- What was the Great Plague and when did it occur?
- What is the difference between an epidemic and a pandemic?
- What is the difference between quarantine and isolation in 2020?
- Why do you think that 40 days is a good time to stay in quarantine if you are trying to stop the spread of an epidemic?

Journal your feelings

Write a journal of 4 entries that should cover a period of at least 2 weeks during the lockdown.

You should include references to what you think were the best things about being in lockdown, and the worst.

OR

Write a journal of at least 4 entries that should cover a period of 2 weeks back at school.

You should include references to what you think were the best and worst aspects about being back at school.



Write a limerick

What is a limerick?

A limerick is a poem with five lines.

Lines 1, 2 and 5 must rhyme and have 8–9 syllables (beats).

Lines 3 and 4 must rhyme and have 5–6 syllables (beats).

Here is an example:

There once was a boy from Katlehong, [9 syllables]

Who got stuck at home for too long. [8 syllables]

He said to his mum: [5 syllables]

'I can't do this sum; [5 syllables]

My iPad keeps on getting it wrong!' [9 syllables]



Write a limerick about the coronavirus and share it with your friends. Perform your limericks in class and decide who has written the best or silliest one!

Here are some ideas to get you started:

- ❖ A virus that came from the east [Rhyming words: feast, beast, least ...]

- ❖ A silly mask that covers my face [Rhyming words: place, case, mace ...]

- ❖ I once masked my cough with my hand [Rhyming words: band, hand, grand ...]

- ❖ Twenty seconds to wash my hands [Rhyming words: bands, rands, glands ...]

LIMERICK FORMAT	
A	Line 1 [8 - 9 syllables]
A	Line 2 [8 - 9 syllables]
B	Line 3 [5 - 6 syllables]
B	Line 4 [5 - 6 syllables]
A	Line 5 [8 - 9 syllables]