

USE OF ENGLISH PART 3

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What happens when everyday life suddenly changes?

The lack of noise can be (1)_____. Quiet streets, empty public transport, bars and restaurants that have closed, have become part of the strange days of this Covid-19 pandemic. Panic buying was one of the first social symptoms of the epidemic. What stopped people buying (2)_____ amounts of food was when the supermarkets demonstrated there was no (3) _____ by constantly and visibly re-stocking shops. The next social challenge was an (4)_____ of fake news. This created (5)_____ and panic and lowered the level of trust. The coronavirus has shown how vulnerable and fragile our interconnected world can (6)_____ become. But the same modern (7)_____ are keeping people together.

There have been (8)_____ online shows of solidarity. Italy has had its own instant festivals of singing and music from balconies, with an opera singer delivering Puccini over the rooftops of Florence like some kind of epic soundtrack.

It's a war. But we have every (9)_____ of winning. Unlike with our grandfathers who went physically into battle for our (10)_____, we are being required to show (11)_____ and calm.

1. DEAF
2. EXCESS
3. SHORT
4. ERUPT
5. ANXIOUS
6. SUDDEN
7. COMMUNICATE
8. REMARK
9. POSSIBLE
10. FREE
11. RESPONSIBLE

ANSWERS:

1. Deafening
2. Excessive
3. Shortage
4. Eruption
5. Anxiety
6. Suddenly
7. Communications
8. Remarkable
9. Possibility
10. Freedom
11. Responsibility