

HOME SCHOOLING DURING CORONA-CRISIS: Good and Bad sides

American students told a reporter from the New York Times, a famous American newspaper, about their thoughts (Gedanken) during the “Corona-lockdown” (Zeit der Schulschließung). (Source: <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/14/us/school-at-home-students-coronavirus.html>)

Task:

Read what they said and **make a list of positive and negative things** they mentioned. Use a dictionary for new words. Write only keywords. (Do not write their names or repeated facts) You can add your own thoughts, too.

Judah: “I like that I can stay with my parents the whole day because I really, really love them. I like that we can have our own P.E. with our dad. The only thing I don’t like is math. But I still would have been doing that in school, so I guess it’s better to do it at home at least.”

Alice: “I like being home because you can eat and drink while you are doing your schoolwork. And you get to do your homework with your sister. You can ask mom or dad to help you, because they are both at home now. You don’t even have to raise your hand.”

Shelby: “You can go outside and play when you finish your work, while at school, you have to read silently after you finish.”

Miabella: “The positive thing about being home during the coronavirus pandemic is that I get to spend time with my family and share with them what I’m learning. I get to involve my parents in activities that I have only done with my friends. I also get to see what my siblings are learning and help them.”

Una: “Life without school is much more boring than I thought it would be. Without the summerlike feeling of no work and being able to see friends, it’s actually very depressing.”

Eleanor: “I’m doing online learning through Google Classroom, and sometimes it’s difficult. My math problems won’t attach, the file didn’t save properly. But we have to work through that, and it’s necessary to help others.”

Molly: “I miss my friends and having a regular schedule. I used to complain every day about having to go to school, but being in quarantine has really made me appreciate being in class. I’m sure that when I go back in the fall, I’ll probably go back to disliking it again, but for now I wish I was back in school.”

Sasha: “Every day I take a walk around my neighborhood with my parents and when I see my friends, I’m told I have to stay six feet away. I get really sad I can’t be with them. I’m also scared they’ll never find a cure and I’ll never get to play close with my friends again. I’m hoping that things will be back to normal someday.”

Rachel: “Most schools in America have senior prom, senior prank, senior banquets, and most important, graduation. No one signed a contract giving me the right to any of that, but then again, I feel entitled to my senior year. When I walked out of school on March 11, I didn’t expect that to be the last time I would see the people and the places that helped me mature into the person that I am today. Now when people ask what

high school taught me, I can honestly say that I learned something outside of math and science: Nothing in life is promised.”