

## COMPREHENSION

### 1) Read the article and complete the sentences with the right alternative.

1. The Coronavirus
  - a. first appeared in China.
  - b. was created in Wuhan.
  - c. produces the flu.
  
2. Covid-19 is
  - a. not as dangerous as the flu.
  - b. caused by sneezing and coughing.
  - c. very similar to the flu.
  
3. The Coronavirus can be very dangerous
  - a. for people who are already weak and sick.
  - b. for healthy people.
  - c. for 80% of infected individuals.
  
4. The Coronavirus
  - a. spreads slowly.
  - b. is very contagious.
  - c. is caused by Covid-19.
  
5. President Trump was
  - a. very worried about the Coronavirus.
  - b. more optimistic than prime minister Morrison.
  - c. more pessimistic than prime minister Morrison.
  
6. Many countries are taking measures
  - a. to stop the virus.
  - b. to build more hospitals.
  - c. to slow down the spread of the virus.
  
7. The UK government is inviting people to
  - a. hoard medicines and surgical masks.
  - b. act rationally.
  - c. listen to the World Health Organization.
  
8. The fear of the Coronavirus is having a negative impact on
  - a. international relations.
  - b. the World Health Organization.
  - c. China alone.
  
9. The Coronavirus epidemic is dangerous also because

- a. it's making many people fearful, irrational and racist.
- b. it has produced a new financial crisis.
- c. many people are cancelling their trips to China.

10. Problems such as pollution and climate change

- a. produce fewer casualties than the Coronavirus.
- b. are far less important than the Coronavirus epidemic.
- c. are more dangerous than the Coronavirus.

## VOCABULARY

2) Complete the sentences with the following words. Put the verbs and nouns in the right form, if necessary.

outbreak \* to overreact \* to recover \* pandemic \* epidemic \* to quarantine \* to hoard \* side effect \* to deal with \* deadly

1. An \_\_\_\_\_ (epidemic) happens when a disease spreads quickly and unexpectedly within a certain population.
2. The sudden spread of a disease can also be called an \_\_\_\_\_ (outbreak).
3. A \_\_\_\_\_ (pandemic), instead, is when a new disease spreads quickly all over the world.
4. A lot of people \_\_\_\_\_ (are hoarding) medicines: they are buying lots of them and hiding them away.
5. There are many diseases that are more \_\_\_\_\_ (deadly) than the Coronavirus.
6. An undesirable secondary effect of a medicine, or of an action, is called a \_\_\_\_\_ (side effect).
7. People infected with the Coronavirus are \_\_\_\_\_ (quarantined), which means that they are isolated from the rest of the population.
8. I can't \_\_\_\_\_ (deal with) all these negative news, they're making me really anxious.
9. Please look at the facts. You have to act rationally, not \_\_\_\_\_ (overreact).
10. I no longer have the flu and I feel great – I have \_\_\_\_\_ (recovered) completely.

## GRAMMAR – Making questions

### 3) Look at the answers below. Write the right question for every answer.

1. **Is the Coronavirus as dangerous as the flu? / Is the Coronavirus less dangerous than the flu?**  
No, the Corona virus is more dangerous than the flu.
2. **How many people have caught the Coronavirus?**  
So far 82,000 people have caught the Coronavirus.
3. **What percentage of infected people report mild or no symptoms at all?**  
The percentage of infected people who report mild or no symptoms at all is 80%.
4. **Did president Donald Trump say that the danger to Americans remains very low?**  
Yes, president Donald Trump said that the danger to Americans remains very low.
5. **What did the British prime minister Johnson say?**  
British prime minister Johnson said that the government is planning for “all eventualities.”
6. **What precautions should people take according to the World Health Organization?**  
According to the World Health Organization, people should take precautions such as washing hands regularly.
7. **Did the government shut down the schools to slow down the spreading of the disease?**  
Yes, the government shut down the schools to slow down the spreading of the disease.
8. **What are some of the side effects of the Coronavirus epidemic?**  
Some of the side effects of the Coronavirus epidemic are irrational fear and racism.
9. **Why is tourism in China and other countries in trouble?**  
Tourism in China and other countries is in trouble because many tourists no longer want to spend their holidays there.
10. **Can we please stop talking about the Coronavirus?**  
Yes, we can stop talking about the Coronavirus.