1) **LOCKDOWN:** emergency situation where movement is restricted

2) **QUARANTINE:** situation where living things are separated to stop the spread of disease

3) **SELF-ISOLATE:** keep yourself away from other people

1. How can ‘lockdown’, which usually has such serious and negative connotations, be used in a joking way?

‘Lockdown’ can be used in a joking way when a person locks herself down to do something without any distractions.

1. Which prepositions are used with ‘lockdown’? Give examples with complete sentences.

IN: The street was in lockdown after the gas explosion.

ON: The building was on lockdown following the security breach.

1. Is quarantine a noun or a verb? Give examples with complete sentences.

Quarantine can be both a noun or a verb. When it is used as a verb it is used in passive tense.

E.G. My dog went into quarantine when we moved to another country.

People are being quarantined because of coronavirus.

1. Which verbs can collocate with ‘quarantine’?

To go in quarantine and to be in quarantine.

1. List three more words that you know (not from the video) which start with the prefix ‘self-‘.

Self-confident, self-employment, self-seeking.

1. According to the clip, how is self-isolation different from quarantine?

Self-isolation means that you have decided to keep yourself apart from the other people while quarantine implies that something of external has implimented on a group of people.

SUNDAY, 29 MARCH- AFTER THREE WEEKS OF LOCKDOWN

After three weeks of lockdown I am alone in my room while I am writing this page of diary. Every day when I wake up I realize that another day is about to begin and my thoughts turn to the living conditions in which the whole world is.

Coronavirus is a global emergency and every day more and more people are suffering from this terrible virus that brings with it a lot of innocent lives. At the beginning of the spread of the virus I underestimated the seriousness of the case and I believed that this virus would never have spread all over the world and especially it would never have reached our homes.

Unfortunately, it was an illusion because the virus is always closer and it has changed our everyday habits. Suddenly, we found ourselves unable to leave our homes, to stay home with the fear that if you went out, the virus would have affected you.

The government hasn't said how long the lockdown will last but we should help each other giving us force and optimism. It is obvious that being asked to self-isolate can be inconvenient, frustrating or boring but it is the only way to slow the spread of the coronavirus. For this reason, we should pass the time in the best way possible by studing, cooking or staying with our families.

Despite the bad situation, I’m optimistic and I really hope the situation will end soon. Meanwhile, being at home is reinforcing the emotional ties and relationships between parents and children.