# Homework 23-27 March – Jasmine Monteriso

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 someone decides to not talk with anybody while doing something important, for example during a test.

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

The prepositions ‘’in’’ and ‘’on’’ are used with lockdown.

Ex. Italy is in lockdown for two months.

Ex. The school was put on lockdown after the first government decree.

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

Quarantine is both a noun and a verb. As a verb, it is better used in passive constructions.

Ex. Italians are into quarantine in order to slow the virus spread.

Ex. Italians are being quarantined by the government.

1. **Which verbs can collocate with ‘quarantine’?**

The verbs ‘’to go’’ and ‘’to be’’ can be collocated with quarantine.

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

-Self-confidence; Self-control; Self-opinionated

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

Self-isolation means that someone has decided to keep him/herself away from other people voluntarily, whereas quarantine implies that an external body, such as the government, decides that a group of people or a specific area have to be in isolation.

# Lockdown diary – Wednesday 1 April

The quarantine was something of unexpected. Initially, I didn’t believe that the situation was so serious. Suddenly, my family and I were at home and it was unusual, because we are used to stay home just in the weekend.

Since the first days of quarantine, I have tried to manage my time so as not to waste it just reading news about coronavirus.

For example, this morning I helped my mother with her chores and my brother with his homework; in the afternoon, I was connected with my professor of French Literature for the lesson and, after it, I exercised, because I hate being sat for a long time.

During this ‘’quiet’’ period, I have also rediscovered my passion for making cakes, it is so relaxing and then you can taste them!

Although I keep me busy, being in quarantine is getting agonizing, every day seems to be the same and news about the number of people infected aren’t reassuring.

I would like that all this ends up as soon as possible so as to hug again my grandparents and my friends. However, I am fully aware of the fact that only a few months won’t be enough to get back to normality.