# 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 **not to** talk with anybody while doing something important, ~~for example during a test~~. ***You wouldn’t go ‘on lockdown’ during an exam…you would say you are ‘on lockdown’ BEFORE the exam, revising, and therefore you’re ‘locked’ in your room and don’t want to be disturbed.***

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

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

 Ex. Italy has been 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 **in** quarantine in order to slow the spread of the virus. (***TO BE IN QUARANTINE)***

 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 totally 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 being at home just at** 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 studied online with my professor of French Literature and, after **that**, I exercised, because I hate **sitting down** 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 **myself** busy, being in quarantine is getting **more and more difficult**, every day seems to be the same and news about the number of people infected **isn’t** ***(‘news’ is uncountable)*** reassuring.

**I would like all of this to end as soon as possible so I can hug my grandparents and my friends aga**in. However, I am fully aware of the fact that **it will take a long time to** get back to normality.