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**Level 2 – 28th March, 2020**

## **Italy mayors scold people not following lockdown**

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2003/200328-lockdown-2.html>

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**Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

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Mayors in Italy are taking action to make sure people follow lockdowns. All of Italy is under lockdown. It is one of the countries worst affected by COVID-19. Italy has over 80,000 cases of infections. There have also been 8,215 deaths. This is the most of any country in the world. All of Italy is under lockdown but not everyone is following the rules. There are videos online of mayors going into the streets telling people to go home. Over 100,000 people in Italy have been fined for being out without a good reason. Three-quarters of the world is in lockdown.

Some mayors are posting angry messages on social media. One said he was tired of people walking dogs many times a day. He said: "Where are you going with these incontinent dogs? You need to stay home. People are dying....You are irresponsible idiots." The president of Italy's worst affected region said: "Too many people are still out and about." Italy's Prime Minister said: "Everyone's efforts are needed as the survival of the social and economic fabric of our country is at stake." Italians started a worldwide trend of singing from their balcony to cheer people up.

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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                      |                     |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. taking action to make sure people | a. go home          |
| 2. Italy has over 80,000 cases       | b. the rules        |
| 3. the most of any country           | c. is in lockdown   |
| 4. not everyone is following         | d. of infections    |
| 5. videos online of mayors going     | e. a good reason    |
| 6. telling people to                 | f. follow lockdowns |
| 7. fined for being out without       | g. into the streets |
| 8. Three-quarters of the world       | h. in the world     |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                              |                    |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. posting angry messages    | a. dogs            |
| 2. he was tired of people    | b. of singing      |
| 3. incontinent               | c. idiots          |
| 4. You are irresponsible     | d. people up       |
| 5. Too many people are still | e. walking dogs    |
| 6. a worldwide trend         | f. balcony         |
| 7. from their                | g. on social media |
| 8. cheer                     | h. out and about   |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Mayors in Italy (1) \_\_\_\_\_ to make sure people follow lockdowns. All of Italy (2) \_\_\_\_\_. It is one of the countries worst affected by COVID-19. Italy has over 80,000 (3) \_\_\_\_\_. There have also been 8,215 deaths. This is the most of any country in the world. All of Italy is under lockdown but not everyone is (4) \_\_\_\_\_. There are videos online of mayors (5) \_\_\_\_\_ streets telling people to go home. Over 100,000 people in Italy have been fined for being out without a good reason. Three-quarters of the world (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

Some mayors are (7) \_\_\_\_\_ on social media. One said he (8) \_\_\_\_\_ people walking dogs many times a day. He said: "Where are you going with these incontinent dogs? You (9) \_\_\_\_\_ home. People are dying....You are irresponsible idiots." The president of Italy's (10) \_\_\_\_\_ said: "Too many people are still out and about." Italy's Prime Minister said: "Everyone's efforts are needed as the survival of the social and (11) \_\_\_\_\_ our country is at stake." Italians started a worldwide trend of singing from their balcony to (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# LOCKDOWN SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2003/200328-lockdown-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about the lockdown in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2003/200328-lockdown-2.html>

Write about **lockdown** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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