

READING COMPREHENSION 4E

Read the text and answer the following questions.

PARENTS ANGRY AS COVID 19 SHUTS SCHOOLS FOR A MONTH

Japan and Hong Kong have closed their elementary, junior-high and high schools until April. Governments say they want to protect children from the COVID-19 coronavirus. Schools in Japan will remain closed until April the 8th, which is the start of the new school year. Children in Hong Kong will return to school on April the 20th at the earliest. Parents are now worried about the school closures. Working parents have to think about how to care for younger children. Grandparents will look after many children while their parents go to work. However, many children have no grandparents or extended family who live nearby. Parents may have to pay for expensive childcare fees.

Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe shut the country's schools after a meeting of Japan's anti-virus task force. He said the next two weeks are critical to control the spread of COVID-19. He wants to "stem the risk of many children and teachers becoming infected through gathering for long hours every day". The government said it would urge public services and private companies to make it easier for people to take time off work to look after their children. An angry mother said: "I wonder if the government thinks it is OK to leave children at home alone for long hours." She asked: "What's the point of closing schools if parents are still commuting in packed trains in which passengers may have COVID-19?"

Comprehension questions

1. How many countries have closed schools?
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2. Until when will schools in Japan stay closed?
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3. What did the article say parents are now worried about?
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4. Who do many children not have living nearby besides grandparents?
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5. What might parents have to pay?
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6. What task force met in Japan?
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7. What are the next two weeks critical to control?
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8. Who should make things easier for workers besides private companies?
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9. What action did a mother question the point of?
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10. What did the mother say people were packed into?
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Good luck !

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT CORONAVIRUS (COVID 19) :

CORRECTION

1) VOCABULARY: Match the vocabulary to the pictures. More than one word may match each item.

- 1 sources of bacterial infections
- 2 coronavirus
- 3 symptoms (coughing and fever)
- 4 prevent infection
- 5 immunity
- 6 global travel
- 7 spread (transmission) from person to person
- 8 get a vaccine
- 9 find a cure
- 10 global outbreak
- 11 diagnostic test
- 12 respiratory system
- 13 transmit disease

2) ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

- 1 Coughing and fever are the most prominent symptoms.
- 2 It affects the respiratory system.
- 3 Wash your hands regularly and wear a face mask.
- 4 They believe it is transmitted through the air by coughing and sneezing.
- 5 Plants and animals, particularly wild animals including bats and snakes.

3) READING COMPREHENSION

- 1 It looks like a crown or the sun's corona.
- 2 It was shut down and disinfected.
- 3 People with no symptoms can transmit the virus.
4. Masks may protect you in a crowd.
5. Gloves can protect you from picking up the virus from contaminated surfaces.
6. The infection and death rates will increase exponentially.