

TeachingEnglish lesson

Pros and cons of lockdown

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How did you feel during lockdown?

Draw an emoji that describes how you felt.



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You are going to watch a short video about life in lockdown.
Do the animals say mostly positive or negative things?



<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-bristol-53553784>

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Listen again. Write who says what.

Tiger (T) Orangutan (O)

Elephant (E)

Lemur (L)

Whale (W)

You feel just a bit rubbish.

Tiger (T)

It feels almost surreal.

You wonder just how much longer it's going on for.

It's getting a bit repetitive. My patience is running a little bit low!

You feel a bit sorry for yourself.

It's a bit depressing, really. And it's very lonely.

Read the expressions again. Which did you feel during the pandemic? Compare with a partner.

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Teenagers were asked about what they found positive about lockdown. Look at the list of answers. To what extent do you agree that these were positive aspects of lockdown?

don't agree

partly agree

totally agree

1. Online classes
2. Less time travelling to/from school
3. Absence of peer pressure and bullying
4. More free time
5. Uninterrupted Netflix binges
6. More family time
7. Opportunity to try/do things you've never done before
8. Changes to nature and the environment

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Here are some expressions we can use when we want to give an alternative point of view. Can you add any others?

On the one hand.....on the other hand...

However,....

But on the positive side.....

On the bright side though,....

At least....

Now write four negative sentences about lockdown. Be ready to give a positive response to your partner, using the language above.

Example: It felt surreal when everyone was locked inside their homes.

That's true, but on the positive side, I bet the animals enjoyed it!

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Work in pairs. Write a new audio script for the animals in the video. This time, include some positive sentences.

Be ready to read out your script to the class.

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Thanks for attending the lesson