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The Coronavirus: Key Terms Explained

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Read the paragraph and choose the correct word to complete the gaps.

In December 2019, a new 1._____ emerged in China called 2._____. This virus has now spread all over the world, turning into a 3._____. This sudden 4._____ has meant that globally people are having to come to terms with new restrictions to their daily lives. In the UK, the public have been asked to practise 5._____ which involves reducing face-to-face contact as much as possible. Countries such as Italy have enforced a strict 6._____, limiting the movement of people and closing all but essential services such as supermarkets and chemists.

People who display 7._____, typically a high temperature or a new, continuous cough, are asked to 8._____ to prevent the spread of the virus. In the meantime, scientists are desperately working to develop a 9._____ for the Covid-19 strain of 10._____.

1. a) outbreak
2. a) COVID-19
3. a) epidemic
4. a) virus
5. a) diagnosis
6. a) lockdown
7. a) symptoms
8. a) outbreak
9. a) diagnosis
10. a) pandemic

- b) virus
- b) coronavirus
- b) pandemic
- b) epidemic
- b) quarantine
- b) antiviral drug
- b) self-isolate
- b) quarantine
- b) vaccine
- b) coronavirus

- c) pandemic
- c) epidemic
- c) quarantine
- c) outbreak
- c) social distancing
- c) quarantine
- c) virus
- c) self-isolate
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- c) epidemic

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