

Japan's amusement parks have new rules on visitors screaming. They will prepare for the "new normal" COVID-19 life. One guideline is no screaming on rollercoasters. Screaming increases the amount of virus in the air. Talking quietly cuts the risk of spreading the virus. Park visitors should not talk loudly or scream on rides. Japan's amusement parks are reopening. Tokyo Disneyland closed in early March. It does not know when it will reopen.

MARK THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES AS TRUE OR FALSE

- 1) In Japan's amusement parks you cannot scream on rollercoasters T / F
- 2) Talking loudly increases the chances of the virus propagating in the air T / F
- 3) Tokyo Disneyland is going to reopen in March T / F

Merriwether Mall is opening this September. With an area of 320,000 square metres, Merriweather Mall will be the biggest shopping centre in the south west. It's located close to the motorway, has its own bus station and 2000 car parking spaces, so it is convenient for everyone. The mall has five areas, all under cover. The largest, Main Street, is a shopping area on three floors. Here, you'll find all the major chain stores and department stores. You can buy fashion items and all the famous brand names.

MARK THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES AS TRUE OR FALSE

- 1) Merriwether Mall will be the biggest shopping centre in the United Kingdom T / F
- 2) Merriwether Mall is conveniently located T / F
- 3) Merriwether Mall sells only second hand clothes T / F

Writing text messages and walking is dangerous. It is more dangerous than driving and texting. More people get injured while walking than driving. Walking in a straight line is not easy. We can forget how to walk properly. Dangerous things can happen. We run into people or cars. We fall over things in the street. There are a few reasons why texting and walking is dangerous. People cannot see when they look at their keyboard. Their minds are somewhere else – they are not thinking about walking safely.

MARK THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES AS TRUE OR FALSE

- 1) Driving and texting is more dangerous than walking and texting T / F
- 2) Walking in a straight line comes natural and is automatic even while texting T / F
- 3) When you look at the keyboard of your mobile, you can't see your way T / F

Running is good for our health, but a recent study says that running too much is bad for us and it doesn't always make our lives longer. A specialist said too much running can damage your heart. Long-distance runners and people who never exercise can have the same risk of having a heart attack. Experts looked at the health of 3,300 runners. Most of them ran over 30 kilometres a week. Marathon runners had hard parts in their heart. Too much exercise can be dangerous for your health.

MARK THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES AS TRUE OR FALSE

- 1) Running too much isn't good for your heart T / F
- 2) If you never exercise, you can have the same risk of a heart attack as a long-distance runner T / F
- 3) Experts analysed the health of athletes running 30 kilometres a day T / F

Twitter has told employees they can work from home forever. Workers can work from home even after the pandemic ends. Twitter will decide when to open its offices. That will not be before September. Workers will decide when to go back. When offices open, it will be "careful" and "office by office". Twitter is in a good position for workers to work at home. Workers can use Zoom to have meetings. Twitter can help workers at home very quickly; its workers can work from anywhere.

MARK THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES AS TRUE OR FALSE

- 1) Twitter employees can work remotely only until the end of the pandemic T / F
- 2) Twitter is going to open its offices carefully and one by one T / F
- 3) Twitter employees can have meetings via Skype T / F

Google made its Meet video conferencing better. Users can now see 16 people on their screen and not four. More people around the world are using video chat. People are speaking to family and friends during lockdown; companies are having online meetings; and schools changed from classroom teaching to online teaching. Meet will help millions of people in lockdown. Google wrote: "Remote work has become increasingly necessary for public safety." Google says Meet lets people "share and be productive".

MARK THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES AS TRUE OR FALSE

- 1) Google has improved the characteristics of its software for videoconferencing T / F
- 2) Both private citizens and companies are using video chats more during lockdown T / F
- 3) Remote work has become necessary only to save money T / F

The number of new Netflix subscribers doubled in the past three months. Netflix said 15.77 million new subscribers signed up. This is because of the coronavirus pandemic. Millions of people are watching films and TV shows. Netflix is now one of the world's most valuable companies. Netflix said the increase is temporary and would go down after lockdown. It added: "The coronavirus has reached every corner of the world and...no one knows how or when this terrible crisis will end."

MARK THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES AS TRUE OR FALSE

- 1) The number of people subscribing to Netflix has tripled last month T / F
- 2) The increase of Netflix subscribers is related to the coronavirus pandemic T / F
- 3) Netflix said the numbers of subscribers is going to increase even after lockdown T / F

The coronavirus could cut 50 million tourism jobs. The tourism industry could become 25% smaller. People are not travelling. More countries are closing borders and asking people to self-quarantine. A tourism expert said the pandemic is a big threat to the tourism industry and to those who work in it. Tourism provides 10% of the world's jobs. It is one of the hardest hit industries. Famous sites are deserted, so hotels, restaurants and cafes could go out of business. Tourism could take 10 months to recover.

MARK THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES AS TRUE OR FALSE

- 1) Because of coronavirus the tourism industry could become smaller by one quarter T / F
- 2) Countries are encouraging tourists to visit them in spite of coronavirus T / F
- 3) Luckily, famous sites haven't been affected by the crisis of tourism T / F

The UK wants to ban food and drink on public transport. This is not popular with people. They say governments should not say who can eat and drink on trains and buses. The UK said the plan was necessary. It wants to cut by half obesity in children by 2030. It also wants to help people live healthier lives. There are two times more overweight schoolchildren today than in 1990. Children today have too much unhealthy food and drink. They also do not exercise enough.

MARK THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES AS TRUE OR FALSE

- 1) UK citizens are happy about the ban on food and drink on public transport T / F
- 2) UK wants to reduce children's obesity T / F
- 3) In 1990 schoolchildren were more overweight than today T / F

We can now ask Amazon's Alexa about our health. Alexa is a virtual assistant. It listens to and answers questions. It can talk to people and tell them the latest news. Now it can give health advice. Amazon worked with the UK's health service to use its health database. Alexa will give answers from the advice of doctors. The UK said it is great we can get advice from Alexa at home. This will really help busy doctors. The UK wants patients to have more control of their health.

MARK THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES AS TRUE OR FALSE

- 1) Alexa is a phone helpline service you can call in case of health problems T / F
- 2) Today it's possible to ask Alexa advice on medical issues T / F
- 3) The UK said it is dangerous to let a virtual assistant give advice on health T / F

Japan's Nagasaki University will not hire teachers who smoke. It wants a healthy place to work and study. It wants to look after its staff and stop people smoking. There will be no smoking in the university from August. About eight per cent of the university's professors and teachers smoke. More streets, restaurants and bars in Japan are non-smoking. There is a no-smoking campaign ahead of the Tokyo Olympics. The number of smokers in Japan fell from 49 per cent of adults in 1966 to 28 per cent last year.

MARK THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES AS TRUE OR FALSE

- 1) Nagasaki University will fire teachers who smoke T / F
- 2) A small percentage of the university's teachers smoke T / F
- 3) The number of smokers in Japan is increasing T / F

More companies are letting staff dress casually. Staff don't have to wear a suit and tie. Companies want staff to feel relaxed, so they work harder. The bank Goldman Sachs wants its workers to "exercise good judgment" in deciding what to wear. It said workplaces are becoming more casual. Some people think casual is not good. People might think the company is not serious. One boss said a suit gives a good image. He said it would be dangerous to give money to someone in jeans.

MARK THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES AS TRUE OR FALSE

- 1) Dressing casual makes employees feel better and work harder **T / F**
- 2) The bank Goldman Sachs wants all its employees to wear a suit and a tie **T / F**
- 3) For some people employees that dress casual give the company a bad image **T / F**

Climate scientists say tourism causes over 8 per cent of greenhouse gasses. This number will increase. Their study looked at the CO2 emissions from transport, hotels, restaurants, shopping, etc. Researchers looked at tourism in 189 countries. They studied the effect of over one million tourism businesses. Domestic travel caused more CO2 emissions than international travel. Air travel caused the most. The countries with the biggest tourism carbon footprints were the USA, China, India and Germany.

MARK THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES AS TRUE OR FALSE

- 1) Tourism is good for the environment T / F
- 2) Internal travel causes more CO2 emissions than international travel T / F
- 3) The countries with the biggest tourism carbon footprint are all outside Europe T / F

People who read live longer. Thirty minutes a day is good. Reading keeps our mind busy. It lowers our stress. Books are better than newspapers and magazines. Researchers looked at the lifestyles and reading habits of 3,500 men and women for 12 years. Everyone was over 50 years old at the start of the research. People who read for up to 3.5 hours a week are 17 per cent less likely to die than people who do not read. People over 65 years old watch too much TV. They should read more.

MARK THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES AS TRUE OR FALSE

- 1) People should read at least one hour a day to live longer T / F
- 2) Reading books is better than reading magazines to live longer T / F
- 3) The research looked at the lifestyles and reading habits of 3,500 teenagers T / F