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STUDENT EDITION

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WEB EDITION

ASYMPTOMATIC mean?

What does



It's estimated 1 in 4 coronavirus carriers could be Asymptomatic: Asymptomatic means "showing no evidence of disease"—that is, not showing any symptoms. In medicine, a symptom is something that indicates a person has a disease. Fever, chills, cough, aches, and fatigue are all common symptoms of flu and other viral infections.

An asymptomatic person may experience symptoms later, or they may never appear. During a disease outbreak, an asymptomatic carrier of disease can still spread the disease and not even realise it.

But, what is asystematic?

Asystematic means "not systematic" in the sense of "not specific to a system or set of organs" in the body. It could be said that an asystematic disease, for example, is not confined to just one system, such as the respiratory or digestive systems. [Read more stories on COVID-19 here](#)

Know the right typing posture!

For students, online classes along with homework and projects that have to be done on laptop or iPad, is the new normal. Constant typing, however, can lead to backache and neck pain. So, know how to type correctly so that you stay agile while studying from home during lockdown.

Use keyboard with your laptop

Laptops are handy but typing for long can be problematic because laptop's screen and keyboard are attached to each other. To make this process easy, add an external keyboard or monitor to the laptop.

Elevate your device

If you don't have a good quality

study desk and chair at home, alleviate your laptop or iPad by putting some books under it.

Use cushions

If you want to sit on your bed and work, keep a cushion on your lap as well as your back for proper support. Keep your device over the cushion on your lap.

Keep switching positions

Sitting for long hours can be really bad for your overall health. So, even if you sit in the correct position, make sure not to sit for long hours.

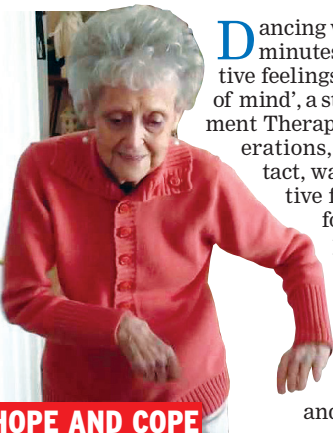
Invest in a stand

A laptop stand can make it much easier for you to sit and complete long projects at home.



STAYING HEALTHY

LET'S DANCE, GRANDMA!



Dancing with your grandma for 15 minutes a week 'promotes positive feelings and improves her state of mind', a study claims. Dance Movement Therapy (DMT) across the generations, complete with eye contact, was found to promote positive feelings and boost mood for the elderly. The grandparents reported an improved state of mind, happy memories and uplifted spirits. Dancing has also previously been linked to improved muscle strength, balance and endurance.

HOPE AND COPE

IMMIGRATION IN THE TIME OF CORONA!

US President Donald Trump announced from his Twitter handle that immigration will be temporarily suspended in the country, in the wake of rising Covid-19 cases. On that note, here's more about the immigration status quo of US.

WHAT'S STATUS ADJUSTMENT? Is the process that one can use to apply for lawful permanent resident status (also known as applying for a 'Green Card').

KNOW MORE
The US admits about 1.1 million legal immigrants into the country every year, more than any other country. About 600,000 are new arrivals and around 500,000 are status adjustments

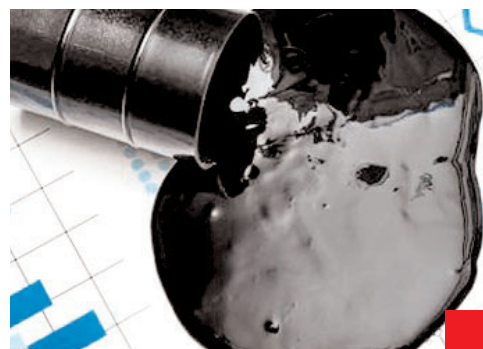
APP MAY WARN WHEN YOU COME IN CONTACT WITH COVID-19 PATIENT



Scientists are working on an app that could let people know if they have come in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, while protecting their privacy. The app uses Bluetooth-enabled cell phones to notify a person.

NEWS IN BRIEF

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ECONOMY

CRUDE CRASH TO EASE SOME COVID-19 PAIN FOR INDIA

Black Gold has fallen from grace. And How! US crude WTI sank into negative territory for the first time in history at -\$37/barrel and Brent, the benchmark for two-thirds of the global oil trade, settled at 18-year low of \$21.48, sending traders and the global oil industry scurrying for cover.

WILL FLORIDA BE LOST TO CLIMATE CRISIS



ENVIRONMENT

Few places on the planet are more at risk from the climate crisis than south Florida, where more than 8 million residents are affected by the convergence of almost every modern environmental challenge – from rising seas to contaminated drinking water, more frequent and powerful hurricanes, coastal erosion, flooding and vanishing wildlife and habitat. If scientists are right, the lower third of the state will be underwater by the end of the century.

TURKISH MOSQUE TURNED INTO TEMPORARY 'SUPERMARKET'

At the entrance of an Istanbul mosque, the racks, usually reserved for shoes of the faithful, are loaded with pasta packages, oil bottles, biscuits – like a supermarket. But they aren't for sale. Instead they are destined for the needy, hit by the coronavirus pandemic. The Imam of the Dedeman mosque came up with this idea of reaching out to the poor via the place of worship.



NEWS

CRICKET AUSTRALIA FINDING JOBS FOR LAID OFF STAFF AT SUPERMARKET

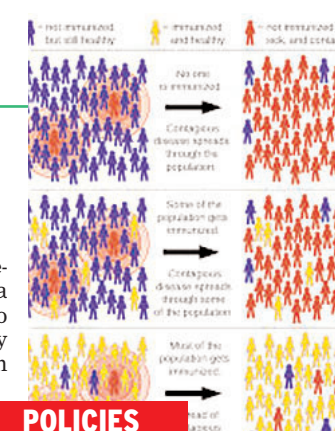


SPORTS

Cricket Australia has approached supermarket giant and one of its sponsors Woolworths to help with temporary jobs for its staff laid off until the end of June due to a financial crunch caused by the coronavirus pandemic. Cricket Australia is currently not eligible for the federal govt's JobKeeper support program having lost no major revenue streams from cancelled matches.

COVID-19: 'HERD IMMUNITY' STRATEGY COULD WORK

The herd immunity strategy, which would allow a majority of the population to gain resistance to the virus by becoming infected and then recovering, could result in less economic devastation and human suffering than restrictive lockdowns designed to stop the virus's spread. This is what a number of experts have begun to argue in the nation of 1.3 billion people.



POLICIES

Best exercises TO KEEP YOUR PETS FIT



Photo: Getty Images

In these times, many pet parents would have been introduced to the "zoomies". Yes, this is when your pet runs around the house in a fit of craze, so to speak, and then collapse on their belly's to take a breather! Seen more in pups, than older pets, this is your furry friend burning off extra, pent up energy. It is a sign that you need to get more involved in making their day more active.

Here are some activities you can safely undertake with your dog, regardless of age or breed, during the lockdown, suggested by Pet services' aggregator PetKonnnect's Devanshi Shah.

OLD DOGS CAN LEARN NEW TRICKS: A simple trick like shaking hands is an easy way to start. You can also get your pet to perform more impressive tasks like jumping through hoops, chasing bubbles or shaking to music with a little patience. Getting your pet to be obedient to verbal commands is the first step in teaching your dog a slew of tricks that can be mastered for life.

OBEDIENCE AND MENTAL GAMES: Practising recall, retrieving, and reinforcing basic commands offers mental stimulation, as well as exercise. You can also teach your dog fun new tricks. You can introduce new games that challenge your pup mental-

ly. Take a treat or a small ball along with 3 upside down cups. Put the treat under one cup and then move them around and see if your pet can find the cup with the treat.

HIDE-AND-SEEK: You can train your dog to play this indoor game by awarding them with a little treat when they find you.

DIY TOYS: Heard about Do-It-Yourself (DIY) toys? If your pet is looking bored, nothing like a new toy to cheer it up! Do you have an old pair of socks? You can stuff a water bottle inside the sock. Tie both ends of the sock with a twine but for longer use its best to hem both ends of the sock.

INDOOR-FETCH: We do warn pet parents about breaking things in the house. Your dog may get very excited and run right through your favourite coffee mug.

No plans to push 'Guardians of the Galaxy 3,' 'The Suicide Squad' release dates: James Gunn

Filmmaker James Gunn recently revealed that neither of his upcoming movie - 'Guardians of the Galaxy, Vol 3' nor 'The Suicide Squad' will be affected by delays due to the coronavirus crisis. One of the director's fans in a question-answer session on Twitter asked about the possibilities



of pushing ahead 'Guardians of the Galaxy vol 3', to which Gunn replied: "Right now the plans with Vol 3 are also exactly the same as they were before coronavirus." In another reply, the 53-year-old said: "Right now there's no reason for #TheSuicideSquad release date to move. We are on or ahead of schedule. We were extremely fortunate to wrap shooting & set up editing from our homes (due to a post-production team & studio with foresight) before quarantine."

FUN-ZONE

Answer each of these questions on Shakespeare's 'The Merchant of Venice'—Act III, by choosing correctly from the four options.

1 Where, according to the song we hear in Scene 2, does 'fancy' die?
A. casket B. cavern C. court-room D. cradle

2 Who is described as 'one in whom the ancient Roman honour' most appears?
A. Antonio B. Bassanio C. Gratiano D. Lorenzo



3 In which city, according to Tubal, does Jessica spend fourscore ducats?

A. Venice B. Genoa C. Padua D. Milan

4 Which of the following finds no mention in Shylock's 'Hath not a Jew' speech?

A. affections B. dimensions C. emotions D. passions

5 Barbary, England, India, Lisbon, Mexico. Which one is missing from Bassanio's list?
A. Aleppo B. Cyprus C. Sicily D. Tripolis

Answers: 1) D. cradle 2) A. Antonio 3) B. Genoa 4) C. emotions 5) D. Tripolis

S.F. AND COMIC KIDS

Spot six differences between these panels.



BOB WEBER JR and SR

Answer: 1) Handbag, 2) tooth, 3) ear and pokka-dot.

CURRICULUM EXERCISES

Q1. What are corals and coral reefs?

Q2. Fill in the blanks:

A. The intersecting lines drawn on maps and globes are ____.

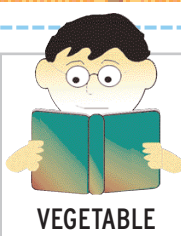
B. The habitats valuable for commercially harvested species are called ____.

Answer: (1) Reefs are formed of colonies of coral polyps held together by calcium carbonate. Most coral reefs are built from stony corals, whose polyps cluster in groups. Corals belong to the class Anthozoa in the animal phylum Cnidaria, which includes sea anemones and jellyfish. (2) A) geographic grids B) sea grass bed (3) Cliffs of Moher, Ireland



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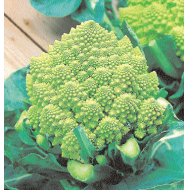


KNOWLEDGE BANK

Romanesco

Also known as Broccolo Romanesco, it's an edible flower bud

of the species *Brassica oleracea*. It has a crunchy texture and nutty taste. When compared to a regular cauliflower, its form is fractal in nature, with the branched stems making up a logarithmic spiral. The number of spirals on the head of Romanesco is a Fibonacci number! This veggie has been grown in Italy since the 16th century.



Quiz time



sociated with which deration?

A. Singapore Business Federation

B. International Shooting Sports Federation

C. World Darts Federation

Q.4) Which city organised the 10th Commonwealth Youth Parliament?

A. Mumbai B. New Delhi C. Kolkata D. Chennai

Q.1) Who was recently conferred with the CII's 'Qua Ratna' award?

A. Sarath Babu B. Nita Ambani C. Azim Premji D. Suresh Krishna

Q.2) When is Constitution Day in India celebrated?

A. November 26 B. November 28 C. November 16 D. November 6

Q.3) Golden Target award is

A. Suresh Krishna B. Nita Ambani C. Azim Premji D. Suresh Krishna

ANSWERS

1. D) Suresh Krishna 2. A) November 26 3. C) International Shooting Sports Federation 4. B) New Delhi



Word Wise

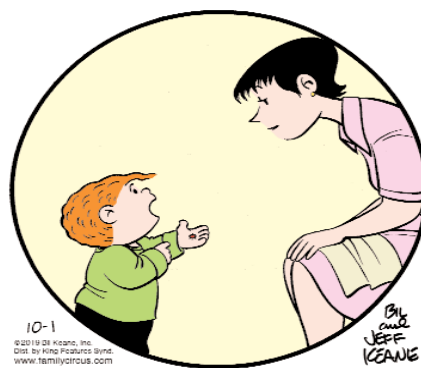
stupefaction: (n) the state of being stupefied; stupor. Overwhelming amazement.

Synonymous words: amazement, bewilderment, perplexity, stupor, surprise, wonder, etc.

Examples: ■ The reaction to her

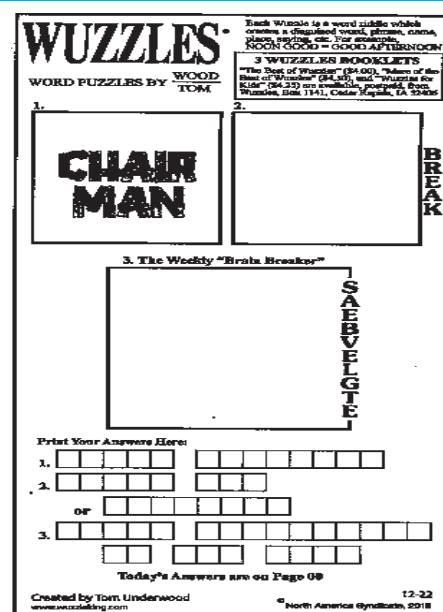
selection for the tournament ranged from stupefaction to scorn in the neighbourhood. ■ There was no end to the surprise gifts Angela got from her family when she came first in class. ■ David's bewilderment knew no bounds when his friends stopped talking to him all of a sudden.

FAMILY CIRCUS



"Can you find an ear on my bug? A lady said I was cute as a bug's ear."

WUZZLES



WUZZLES Answers
1. Board chairman
2. Break out or Outbreak
3. Mixed vegetable on the side

IDIOM OF THE DAY

FINDING YOUR FEET

Meaning: To become more comfortable in whatever you are doing

GARFIELD



Better safe than sorry

NANDINI PAWAR, STUDENT, SSPM'S SRI SRI RAVISHANKAR VIDYA MANDIR, BORIVALI

Corona virus pandemic has resulted in our country announcing a complete lockdown. While many are seeing this as a brilliant opportunity to not only fight against the deadly virus but also to learn better about themselves and enhance their skills, some are finding it stressful to stay at home. One way of dissolving stress and anxiety is by engaging yourself with different activities. To keep calm it is essential to do yoga and meditation. Meditation cleanses your mind and soul and yoga can keep you physically fit.



STUDENT'S PEN

As a student who just gave her class X final exams, I try to keep calm and do many sorts of things. I spend time with my family by playing board games or by indulging in an array of conversations with them. My younger brother and I help our mother in doing the daily household work by brooming the house and washing our dishes after every meal. We also enjoy together while watching Ramayan. We do meditations twice a day too. This lockdown has given

us a great chance to figure out our strengths and weaknesses. You can always learn new things on the internet such as cooking, painting, learning other languages and more. Now is the time to make complete use of the net. Also, we must keep praying for those who have been affected by this virus, their families and for those souls who have departed. We should reach out to our friends and families through all sorts of social media platforms. We should be united by keeping our distances and by staying at home to defeat this pandemic.

'Better safe than sorry' is a very important proverb in today's time. As Indian citizens it is our duty to sincerely follow the protocols given by the government. We all should be grateful to the army, police, media and most importantly the doctors and the nurses who are risking their lives to save the infected. I am grateful to our prime minister for taking the correct actions at the right time.

To fight against this ruthless virus, we should do the right thing by staying safe and by maintaining hygiene around us. If we do this, we would become the heroes of tomorrow.

SCHOOL IS COOL

Power of IMAGINATION

DR. SUJATA RAI, PRINCIPAL, M P SHAH ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL, VILE PARLE

When Isaac Newton was forced to stay home during the plague, he invented calculus and the reflecting telescope. I don't see why we can't. We all have a hidden potential in us; which can be utilised during the lockdown period to experiment, question, create, define and most importantly imagine. Take this lockdown period as the time to feed and water your imagination. Dream, build, construct with your imagination.

PRINCIPAL'S PEN

Parents should encourage children to play indoor games similar to the ones we played during our summer vacation. It can be as simple as



Dr. Sujata Rai

painting, sketching, creating innovative things out of waste, teaching learning life skills like cooking, cleaning etc. or playing board games that

develop critical thinking, calculations, vocabulary or just playing with clay or dough and many other things available at home.

Activities where parents and children can work together to develop imagination

Invent scenarios:

When your child invents a scenario, he tries on lots of different roles and organises his thoughts while developing social and verbal skills. Encourage your child to play house, doctor, zoo, farm, space station, school or store. Join in the imaginative play by taking on a role yourself.

Play with stuffed toys or puppets (make simple puppets by putting your hand in a sock). Let your child lead your playtime together. If your child is into superheroes, think of the power your child might want as his own superpower feeling. Consider having your child create a

new superhero.

Verbal activities:

From rhymes to riddles, silly sounds to phonics, games such as 'I Spy' or making up lyrics to common tunes, these activities can inspire and nurture creative minds while also building vocabulary and help your child learn phonics.

Art activities:

Through painting, sculpting, collage making, drawing or any other medium, art is a way for children to work through their emotions, make decisions and express their ideas.

Art activities also develop fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination. Furthermore, art activities build confidence because children gain a sense of mastery over materials resulting in new creations.

Literary activities:

Make reading time memorable and discuss other possible scenarios or endings for stories by using your child's imagination. Make up stories with your child, at times with him/her as the main character; other times propose moral dilemmas. Take turns making up a continuing story.

Learning through DIGITAL TOOLS

Schools around the world have closed their doors because of the coronavirus pandemic, leaving billions of children stuck at home. While it's a great inconvenience for many, it has created a spike in demand for online learning.

Narayana e-Tech School, Thane branch, in mid-March announced it would give children access to online learning. With

the help of an online app, the school is now streaming more than 10,000 live audio-visual based classes which range from interactive video lessons and live classes to quizzes and tips on exam preparations.

Teaching is a complex, multifaceted activity often requiring the instructors to juggle multiple tasks and goals simultaneously and flexibly. The flexibility given by man-

agement and principal makes teaching both more effective and more efficient; by helping the staff create the conditions that support student learning and minimise the need for revising materials, content, and policies.

The school not only focuses on high school but also the little toddlers of pre-primary, conducting live online classes for e-Kidz, e-Champs and e-Techno students. Worksheets, presentations, puppets, activity sheets, assignment sheets are all provided to the students. To improve the teaching methodology, the school is also taking regular valuable feedback from the parents and working on the feedback accordingly.

The school offers a wide range of platforms to students. It does not believe in making empty promises, creating a misleading mission statement or misleading parents/community members with edujargon. And with this thought in mind, the school is striving to keep up the positive spirit during the tough times and guide the youngsters through learning.

