

Reading Comprehension: Gratitude

Coronavirus: videos of people applauding and cheering for HEALTHCARE WORKERS in Spain go viral

Spain followed the steps of other countries such as Italy and ordered a LOCKDOWN on Saturday. The lockdown is a part of a –day STATE OF EMERGENCY plan to combat the coronavirus.

Since the news of the lockdown became known, #AplausoSanitario (#HealthyApplause) started TRENDING. The CHALLENGE encouraged the people of Spain to come out on their balconies at 10pm exactly and APPLAUD and CHEER.

Finally, at 10pm, a lot of people went out onto their balconies to thank the work of the EMERGENCY SERVICES.

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1. Match the underlined words from the text with their corresponding definitions

a. To shout loudly to show approval	HEALTHCARE WORKER
b. Something new and difficult which requires great effort and determination.	LOCKDOWN
c. A condition, declared by a government, in which martial law applies, usually because of a natural disaster, civil unrest or health issues.	STATE OF EMERGENCY
d. Someone who works in a hospital or health centre	TRENDING
e. When nobody can enter or leave a building because of a dangerous situation	CHALLENGE
f. When a lot of people are discussing or mentioning a topic on social media.	APPLAUD
g. To clap in order to show approval.	CHEER
h. The public organizations whose job is to take quick action to deal with emergencies when they occur.	EMERGENCY SERVICES

2. Answer:

- Did Italy order a lockdown?
- When did the Healthy applause start trending?
- What did the Healthy applause consist on?
- In your opinion, is it important to thank healthcare workers? Why?

3. Underline, in the text, the verbs in the past. Then, classify them... are they regular or irregular?

REGULAR	IRREGULAR
<u>Followed</u>	<u>became</u>

4. Add 5 more verbs to each of the columns in exercise 3.

5. Use the verbs from the box to complete the news article shared by a different website. Remember to use them in the past

HAPPEN – COME – INFORM – GO OUT – FILL

Across Spain, people _____ to their windows to give a round of applause in gratitude to the work being carried out by Spain's health workers for the coronavirus crisis.

The spontaneous act of gratitude _____ at 10pm, just minutes after Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez _____ that everyone had to be at home.

An hour after Spain, the same thing _____ in Portugal.

The #Aplauso Sanitario challenge _____ social media with videos of streets from Madrid to Barcelona to Murcia.

6. Write a tweet to thank healthcare workers around the world. Remember that the limit is 280 characters.



7. Can you think on other ways of thanking healthcare workers?
