

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

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| 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?
