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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 asymptomatic?

Asymptomatic 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 asymptomatic 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

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.

TECH BUZZ

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

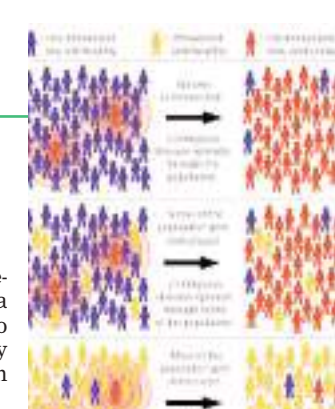
Cricket Australia has approached supermarket giant and one of its sponsors Woolworths to help with temporary jobs for its staff laid off until the end of June due to a financial crunch caused by the coronavirus pandemic. Cricket Australia is currently not eligible for the federal gov't's JobKeeper support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



SPORTS

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



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.

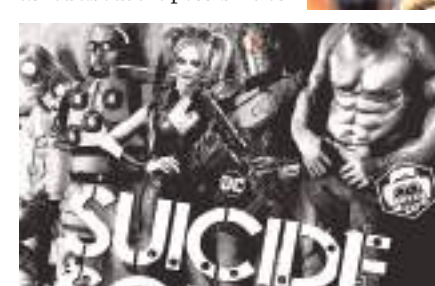
HIDE-AND-SEEK: You can train your dog to play this indoor game by awarding them with a little treat when they find you.

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. courtroom 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. Aleppo B. Cyprus C. Sicily D. Tripolis

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

Suryakumari Dennison, teacher, Aavishkar Academy, Bengaluru

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.



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 _____.

Q3. Identify the following:



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) (Z) A geographic grid B sea grass bed (C) Cliffs of Moher, Ireland



KNOWLEDGE BANK

Romanesco
Also known as Broccoli 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 associated with which federation?

Q.1) Who was recently conferred with the CII's 'Quality 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

Q.4) Which city organised the 10th Commonwealth Youth Parliament?
A. Mumbai B. New Delhi C. Kolkata D. Chennai

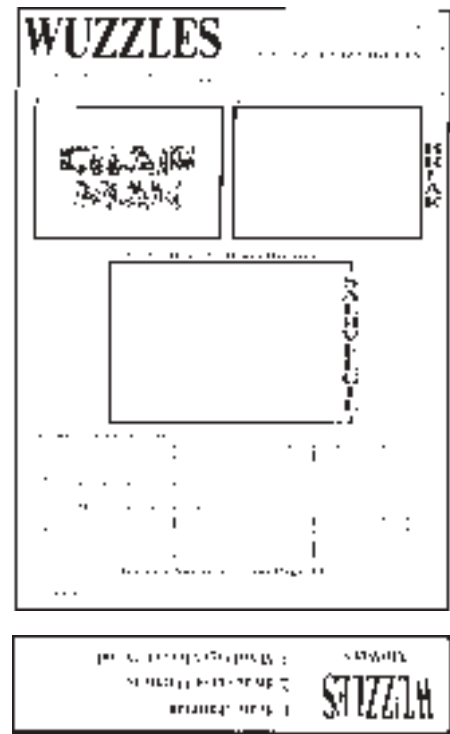
ANSWERS
1. D) Suresh Krishna 2. A) November 26 3. C) International Shooting Sports Federation 4. B) New Delhi



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.

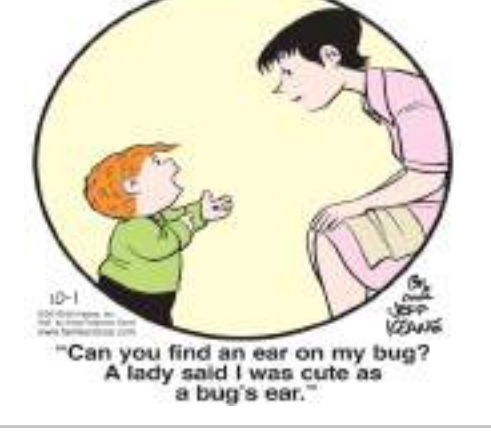
WUZZLES



GARFIELD



FAMILY CIRCUS



IDIOM OF THE DAY

FINDING YOUR FEET
Meaning: To become more comfortable in whatever you are doing

SCHOOL IS COOL

Are we answering the clarion call of help?



Students of Bal Bharti School, Dwarka creatively celebrate the 50 years completion of Earth day

Earth Day is not just one day; it is continuous for all 365 days of the year. Every day is as important to keep the earth clean, neat and well taken care of. We call the earth as a mother because it gives us all the necessities to keep our selves alive. Air, water, food, shelter are all obtained from the earth. We have become very careless in our attitudes and are relentlessly polluting and causing harm to the environment. We have become greedy for the resources and have plundered the earth for the same. The climatic changes are the indication of the serious damage that has been caused. The earth can heal itself but provided it gets the time to do so. After the long lockdown what we are witnessing is the environment reclaiming itself, we are able to see various birds, animals are able to move around, the rivers are getting cleaned by themselves, and there is no pollution in the air. So the ecology is shouting at us and telling we are not helping the earth, we are harming it. So let us learn to do our bit and get to the thought of Mahatma Gandhi who quoted "simple living and high thinking would go a long way in reclaiming the lost glory."

LET US PLEDGE TO:

- Reduce one-time-use materials like tissue papers
 - Reuse – use all the materials which can be used again like cloth bags
 - Recycle the materials to use again.
- Aruna Singh, Principal, Shalom Presidency School, Gurgaon

Is isolation the solution?

As the day marks the 50th anniversary of World Earth Day, who would've thought fifty years back that there would be a day in our lives when we would long to feel the blades of dewy grass under our bare feet. The world is trying to cope up with a deadly virus, trying to keep as many lives intact as possible. It seems Earth is done crying for help. So the question here is, do we really need a deadly virus to heal the land? Oil spills, polluted air, rivers so contaminated they literally caught fire and, how we can ever forget the Australia bushfire. It is time for us to halt, to stop and think what we've been doing all this long. We are busy creating lives for ourselves, a home for our family but in the process aren't we overlooking the fact that earth is dying. It reminds us of Henry David Thoreau who once said, "What is the use of a house if you haven't got a tolerable planet to put it on?" You need not be Greta Thunberg and go all out globally to save this planet, but taking small steps each day would do the needful. We don't need a day in order to be reminded of our duties towards the planet. Let us all celebrate each day as Earth day and only then life will continue here. Suredha Sardana, Teacher, Lancers Convent, Rohini

Did we need a virus to remind us of our responsibilities towards Mother Earth?

We are one Earth Family on one planet, the planet's health and our health is non-separable that's what I read as written by Dr Vandana Shiva. How true the statement is! Today as I see the earth wounded so badly, I realise the extent of damage that we have done to it. How are we repaying our planet? Every day we produce tons of degradable and non-degradable waste and throw it anywhere recklessly. Vehicles and industries are suffocating her. We dispose of dirty sewage, drainage and even chemicals recklessly, although we know that not only humans but all plants and animals in this world rely on water for their lives. We destroy forests and build huge buildings, roads & factories beyond her carrying capacity. There is going to be a radical change in our lifestyle even when we come out of this challenge. I just hope along with reviving economies the governments of every country focusses on Green Economy...Fifty years of Earth Day and today, I just wish that we do get an opportunity to live in a Green and safe Mother Earth. Ishita Arora, XII, St Mark's School, Meera Bagh

Painters' Gallery

- Anjali class XII, Jain Bharati Mrigavati Vidyalaya, GTKarnal road
- Jhanvi Bhardwaj, class X, DLDVA Model School, Pitampura
- SOURAV, class VIII, Remal Public School, Rohini
- Raghav Aggarwal, class V, Jagannath International School, Pitampura.
- Fateh Singh, class XII, Jain Bharati Mrigavati Vidyalaya GT Karnal Road



Kendriya Vidyalaya Rohini Sector 8 celebrated the 'Earth Day' under the guidance of the school Principal Uttam Kumar. During the celebration, students took a pledge and draw paintings to pay homage to the Earth