

LOCKDOWN TIME by Judi Billcliff

We're in what's called lockdown
The entire family.
Mum, Dad, Joe and Ben,
The dog, the cat and me.

I'm thinking about Nan and Pop
As they are on their own,
But they said, not to worry
We can still talk on the phone.

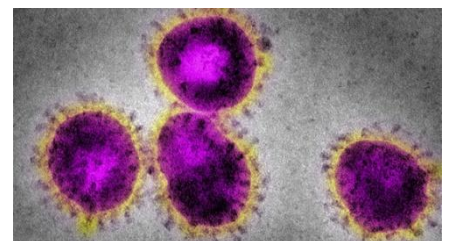
This is a very different life
To how things normally are.
We can't go and visit friends
We can't go in the car.

Mum said, "It won't be easy,
At times it will be hard
Not playing with your friends
But staying in our yard."

"We still have power and water
And you can go online,
There's treats in the pantry
So everything is fine."

"Pretend it's an adventure
Like a camping holiday,
Or you can whine about it -
What do you all say?"

Dad says, "It'll be okay,
It's what we have to do
To stop this nasty virus
Infecting me.....and you!"



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Activity Sheet

1. Write a list of emotions that different people might be feeling about being in 'lockdown.'

2. Make a list of the hardest things and best things about lockdown?
How do you think this time will change your life in the future?
Might this change how countries treat one another from now on?

3. Write your own words for lines two, three and four.
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4. Talk to your grandparents/great grandparents about the depression in N.Z. in the 1930's or W.W. 2. Make a list of games/activities you can do when staying home? Make a list of tips to get by.

5. Take a photo of your time in lockdown, and have a caption contest.

6. Make up the rules for a new game called 'Lockdown.'

7. Write/record a video about a funny event during your family lockdown.
Record a message about your list of essentials. Use costumes and props.

8. What is the first thing you think you'll do when lockdown ends.
Make a bucket list.

From the author Judi -

Because times are strange at the moment, I thought I'd add a few thoughts about the lockdown experience for Judi, Les and Rosie the dog through this historic time.

- ❖ For me the worst part was the two days between level 4 being announced and it starting. It was like waiting for a storm without knowing what it would be like.
- ❖ What emotions have I felt over the last week? Worried for my family. Anxious. Settled. Calm. Happy. Relaxed. Nervous. Relieved. My biggest worry was that I love to be out meeting kids and seeing friends, and how would I cope stuck at home. I've been cleaning, gardening, writing, sorting, cooking, chatting to family and friends.
- ❖ With any tragic/sad happening there are good things, like meeting neighbours, having a little chat, but always keeping 2 metres apart. (I have to keep reminding Les about the distancing as he forgets! Rosie has no idea about social distancing.)
- ❖ I like that our planet is having time to rejuvenate and recharge.
- ❖ I worry about pets, dogs mainly, as when this is over all their family will go back to work and school leaving them on their own. Rosie has been with us constantly for the past ten days. This morning we went for a walk, but had to leave her at home, and as we got close to our house we could hear her howling. She'd hated being alone.
- ❖ It's made me think about the stories my mum used to tell me about life during the depression and WW2. How some nights they'd have porridge for dinner because that was all they had, but the kids didn't know that, as their mum would make a game out of it, as if it was a really naughty, but fun thing to do.
- ❖ It's made me think about the things we used to do when I was growing up. Like one bar of sunlight soap could be used to wash clothes, bodies, hair, and the dishes. But not all in the same bowl 😊 We'd darn socks and clothes, now we throw them out.
- ❖ Two of my granddaughters, years 4 and 7, have been enjoying family activities. Playing darts, making cupcakes, watching movies, helping get firewood from the paddock. They have named their pantry, 'The Doomsday Cupboard.' They did a stocktake of it and have to ask before using anything, then cross it off the list. They mustn't waste food. They're learning to think before taking action.
- ❖ I'm focusing on how many days I've done, not how many to go. We have to do to this.
- ❖ The first things I'll do when it's over is get in the car and go somewhere, anywhere! Go out to the mall for a Chinese takeaway or sushi. Hug my adorable grandchildren. Make an appointment to get my teeth cleaned 😊 and be grateful for my freedom.