

Diary of a Quarantined Girl

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We Are All in This Together

Dear Diary,

3/13/2020

My name is Nikhita and I am 9 years old. My word of the day today is "Quarantine". My mom says I should learn one new word daily if I want to write well. A word of the day is one I haven't heard before. I like words that start with "Q" as it reminds me of a spelling trick that q and u stick together like glue! It's good for a writer to have tricks to spell words. We have been affected by the Coronavirus, and because of this virus, people in our country don't go outside. We are all staying in our homes so the virus doesn't spread. That's what it means to be quarantined.

Dear Diary,

3/23/2020

My word today is the word "Zoom." I've heard this word before! I know it's an onomatopoeia because I see my dog ZOOM across our floor! This is my word of the day because now when I hear the word zoom, I don't think of my dog anymore. I think of school. Zoom is an online program that lets me see my class and my teacher. My class logs on to zoom to learn from home, so we do not spread the virus to each other.

Dear Diary,

4/2/2020

Today's word is "Economy". Economy is spelled ending in "Y", like an adjective (happy), but an economy is a noun or thing. An Economy is a bad thing now. It brings money to businesses. With no business, there is no money for families. In Las Vegas, we have a bad economy because of the virus. Many workers work in hotels, and when made to stay home, they can't work. Now, when you drive by Las Vegas, our city is dark.

Dear Diary,

4/22/2020

Today's word is "Normalcy". This word looked strange to me at first. Normalcy looks like the word "normal" but ends in "cy". But the more I heard the word, the more I started getting used to it. People are wondering what getting back to normal or "normalcy" will look like when the quarantine is over. Before, the doctors would wear masks, and now we all may be wearing them. We used to hug our friends and now we may need to wave to them. So, normal will look strange at first, like the word "normalcy" but I guess we'll all get used to it.