Reading

COVID-19 Definitions

virus – Very tiny germs that can make you ill.

flattening the curve – Slowing down the number of people who get ill all at once.

coronavirus – A group of viruses that has been around for a long time.

quarantine – Staying indoors and away from other people.

COVID-19 – A new type of coronavirus. It can make people feel very ill.

self-isolation – Staying indoors and away from other people.

symptoms – A sign that you have an illness. Some symptoms of COVID-19 include a high temperature or coughing a lot.

social distancing – Staying away from people who aren't in your family.

lockdown – Where people stay at home most of the time to stop the spread of an illness.

key workers – People who need to carry on going to work to help other people. These include doctors, nurses and police officers.

pandemic – The spread of an illness across many places in the world.

ventilator – A machine that helps a person breathe.

PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) – Clothing, masks and gloves that people can wear to try to stop them catching an illness.

shielding - Staying indoors and away from other people to stop a person from catching an illness.

vulnerable – A person who is more at risk of catching an illness or getting very poorly if they get it.

Challenge 1 - Understanding Words:

1. What does <u>symptoms</u> mean?
2. What does <u>vulnerable</u> mean?
3. What does <u>pandemic</u> mean?
4. What does <u>lockdown</u> mean?
5. What does <u>quarantine</u> mean?

Challenge 2 - Retrieval:

(Remember, the answer is in the text.)

1. What is the word we use for 'Very tiny germs that make us ill'?
2. What is the phrase used to mean 'Slowing down the number of people who get ill all at once'?
3. Why should we stay indoors as much as possible?
4. What is the machine called that helps a person to breath?

Challenge 3 Inference:

(Remember to look for clues in the text.)

1. What makes COVID-19 dangerous?
2. How might someone feel if they have a cough at the moment? Why?
3. Why are the germs described as very tiny?

Challenge 4 – Your Opinion:

1. What do you think is the most important of these words to understand? Why?