

Task I used some of the “Tankatsu!” words in this letter to you. Enjoy filling in the blanks with the words in the box below!

economy / focus / articles / depends / increasing / realize / practices
physical / situation / subject / avoid / influence / each / social

Dear my great 2nd graders,

How are you doing these days? I feel like it’s been aged since you left the school last week. I’m missing you all. Hope I can see you soon.

These days, I’ve read some (1). Of course, the (2) of them is COVID-19*. According to Coronavirus disease situation reports, the number of people who are infected with Coronavirus is (3). A lockdown of society may be able to stop spread of the virus, but it has a bad (4) on our (5) and our mental health.

We need to (6) more on preventing high-dose* infection* and had better (7) the “three Cs”: Closed spaces with poor ventilation, Crowded places with many people nearby. Close-contact settings such as close-range conversations. Also, one of the articles said “Recovery (8) on which wins the race: viral spread or immune activation*.” It means your trying to keep in health is really important. I think you have to stay home but should have more (9) training.

Reading a lot of (10) about COVID-19 will help (11) citizen (12) the importance of (13) distancing, mask-wearing and hand-washing. These (14) probably decrease infectious spread and dose. Young people have the power to help the world, please think about what you can do for people on the earth to survive the difficult (15).

Sincerely yours,
Yumi Matsubara

*COVID-19 = coronavirus disease of 2019

新型コロナウイルス感染症

*infection 感染

*(viral) dose 感染濃度 ※通常は薬の一服の意味

*immune activation 免疫活性化

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Answers

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| 1. articles | 2. subject | 3. increasing | 4. influence |
| 5. economy | 6. focus | 7. avoid | 8. depends |
| 9. physical | 10. each | 11. realize | 12. social |
| 13. practices (実践) | 14. situation | | |