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WEB EDITION

NOT 'PANDEMIC', 'CORONA' OR 'COVID-19', BUT '2020' COULD BE THE WORD OF THE YEAR

It is admittedly too early to guess what will be declared as the word or phrase of the year, with Covid-19, social distancing, pandemic, corona, PPE, WFH, quarantine, isolation, super-spreader, asymptomatic, herd immunity, and other such words gone viral. Well, that is only one part of the story of this year. The profusion of calamitous events—floods, bushfires, supercyclones, landslides, earthquakes, locust attacks, plane crashes, protests and sit-in, deadly gas leaks, chemical blasts, economic downturn, layoffs and many more, have given enough reasons to the experts to propose the numeronym, '2020' as a possible word of the year. Any why not? argue many netizens across the globe.

- 2020 is not a neologism (a newly-coined word or expression), like hashtag (American Dialect Society's choice for 2012) or Brexit (Collins dictionary's 2016 laureate), and when pronounced as twenty-twenty, it is currently defined as "meeting a standard of normal visual acuity" or "marked by facilely accurate discernment"
- There is no single word yet for "unending series of disastrous events", but 2020 should fit the bill – across languages, feel many

What's your take? Share your views at toinie175@gmail.com

India is ready to ring the SCHOOL BELL



The Centre has framed a plan to re-open the schools and other educational institutions in a phase-wise manner between September 1 and November 14. The modalities of the plan have been discussed by the group of secretaries attached to the Group of Ministers on Covid-19 management, headed by the Union health minister Harsh Vardhan. The decision is likely to be notified as part of the final unlock guidelines to be issued later this month, which would guide the states on unlocking the remaining activities after August 31. Sources said the final decision would be left to the state governments on how and when to bring back students to the classrooms.

Broad standard operating procedures (SOPs) would be issued for the schools and educational institutions. This follows a quick survey conducted earlier in July by the department of school education. Though the survey had indicated that parents are not in favour of sending their children to schools, the state governments have argued before the Centre that the students of economically-weaker sections are suffering

UNLOCKING SCHOOLS



HOW IT WILL WORK

- 1 The guidelines, which have been vetted by the ministry of human resource development and the health ministry, recommend the opening of schools, and running them in a phased manner
- 2 For the first 15 days, students of classes X to XII, would be asked to attend school. Different sections of a class would get particular days to attend school
- 3 In a school, if class X has four sections, half the students of sections A and C would come on particular days, and the remaining on the other days
- 4 The number of school hours would be restricted from 5-6 to 2-3 hours of physical attendance
- 4 All schools are likely to run in shifts – 8 am to 11 am and 12 to 3 pm, with a one-hour break in between for sanitisation
- 5 The schools would be advised to run on 33% capacity of teaching staff and students
- 6 The government is not in favour of calling pre-primary or primary school students to school, and is likely to continue with the online classes

SOURCES INDICATED THAT THE CENTRE WOULD RECOMMEND IT AND STATE GOVERNMENTS MAY TAKE A FINAL DECISION SEEING THE COVID-19 CASELOAD, AND THE POPULAR OPINION OF SCHOOL MANagements AND PARENTS

NIA DACOSTA TO DIRECT 'CAPTAIN MARVEL' SEQUEL FOR MARVEL STUDIOS

ENTERTAINMENT

The sequel to Brie Larson's, 'Captain Marvel' is moving forward at the Marvel Studios with the hiring of filmmaker Nia DaCosta. According to The Hollywood Reporter, the director will helm the project with a script by Megan McDonnell, who is currently a writer on the upcoming Disney Plus Marvel series, 'WandaVision'.



■ DaCosta made a promising debut with her 2018 feature, 'Little Woods', starring Tessa Thompson, and is currently making waves with her upcoming supernatural slasher film, 'Candyman'

■ DaCosta will be the first Black woman to direct a Marvel Studios film. She is also the fourth woman, after Boden, Cate Shortland ('Black Widow') and Chloe Zhao ('Eternals'), to take on the directing job at the studio

Larson will reprise her superhero character of Carol Danvers aka Captain Marvel in the sequel. In 'Captain Marvel', Carol Danvers was a human, who became involved in the war between two alien races—the Kree and shape-shifting Skrulls. Surviving an explosion tied to an alien engine imbued her with incredible power, turning her into Captain Marvel, and making her one of the most powerful heroes in the Marvel Universe

'Captain Marvel 2' will be released on July 8, 2022

MUKESH AMBANI ECLIPSES RICHEST EUROPEAN TO BECOME WORLD'S NO 4

Reliance Industries chairman, Mukesh Ambani has surged past France's Bernard Arnault, Europe's wealthiest man, to cement his place in the top 5 richest club

IN THE NEWS

- Ambani is now worth \$80.6 billion, after amassing \$22 billion this year, according to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index. That gives him a bigger wealth pile than Arnault, whose LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton SE has suffered from customers curbing high-end fashion purchases faster than the company can cut costs.
- India's richest person has already surpassed some of the biggest tycoons in the recent weeks, including Silicon Valley titans, such as Elon Musk and Alphabet Inc co-founders Sergey Brin and Larry Page, as well as the Oracle of Omaha, Warren Buffett



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- If you want to easily create stand out social media content with Adobe Spark Post, just type Create.new into the browser, and you are immediately taken into Spark, where you can unleash your creative potential
- One can start designing from thousands of templates, and choose from millions of images, icons, and stickers, in addition to your own logos, colours and fonts
- In addition to the new shortcuts, Adobe is launching a plethora of free PDF actions this year – giving everyone access to 20 free, super simple Acrobat online tools in 2020

NEWS IN BRIEF

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'Vaccine nationalism' not good for the world: WHO

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has warned against vaccine nationalism, cautioning rich nations that if they keep treatments to themselves, they cannot expect to remain safe, if poor countries remain exposed. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, the director general of the WHO said, it would be in the interest of the wealthier nations to help every country protect itself against the disease.



VIEWPOINT

Several countries are racing to find a vaccine for the coronavirus, which has killed more than 7,00,000 people globally

For the world to recover faster, it has to recover together, because it's a globalised world: the economies are inter-twined. Part of the world or a few countries cannot be a safe haven and recover. Covid-19 could be less when countries, who have the funding, generously help other countries. Covid-19 pandemic can not be defeated in a divided world

Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, director general, WHO



Has the pandemic widened the gap between the rich and the poor nations? Share your views at toinie175@gmail.com

LET'S DEBATE

Meet the winners of 'AatmaNirbhar' app innovation challenge

The winners of a challenge envisaged to showcase India as one of the leading app developing countries globally were announced in nine categories on Friday that saw short video app, Chingari, news app, Logically, and health app, StepSetGo emerge as the top players in their categories, among others.

➤ The 'AatmaNirbhar Bharat App Innovation Challenge' was launched by PM Narendra Modi on July 4, which saw participation from 6,940 tech entrepreneurs and start-ups across the country.

➤ The challenge had entries for nine different categories, namely business, eLearning, entertainment, games, health, news, office and work from home, others and social.



■ In the social category, Chingari emerged as the top winner, followed by writing app, Your Quote and Koo, which allows people to follow top Indians, and news in Indian languages

■ In the business category, the top three winners were Zoho Invoice, Books and Expense, Mail 91, and GimBooks – Easy Invoice Manager, respectively.

■ The e-Learning category also had three winners with Disprz, Kutuki Kids Learning app, and Hello English: Learn English, taking the first, second and third positions, respectively.

■ In the news category, Logically was followed by IsEqualTo, which offers daily news, quiz and general knowledge for students.

■ In the entertainment category, the top three winners were CaptionPlus, Meme Chat, and FTC Talent, respectively.

■ In the games category, the top three winners were Hitwicket Superstars - 3D cricket Strategy Game; ScarFall – The Royale Combat; and World Cricket Championship 2a "WCC2", respectively.

2021 WOMEN'S CRICKET WORLD CUP IN NZ MOVED TO 2022



SPORTS

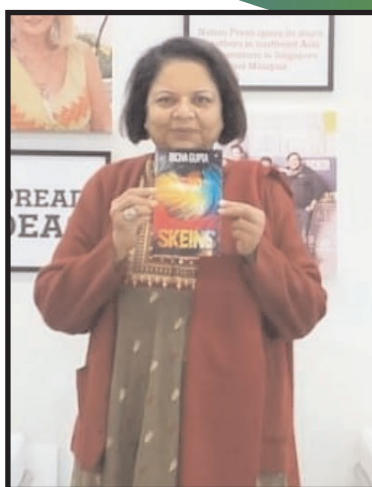
The Women's Cricket World Cup in February in New Zealand has been postponed for a year. Also, the men's Twenty20 World Cup in Australia that had been pushed from October-November this year to the same time in 2021, was delayed by another year to 2022. India, which was to host the T20 World Cup in 2021, will stage it as planned, with all the 16 teams, which qualified for the 2020 edition participating in India.

- There will be a new qualifying process for the 2022 T20 WC, the International Cricket Council said.
- The Women's WC will be played in Feb-March, 2022
- The qualifying event for the remaining three places will be held next year

Quick Tips to Better Creative Writing

AUTHOR COLUMN

Richa Gupta, a former academician and author of 'Slices of Life' (2020) and 'Skeins' (2018), shares tips on how to improve your creative writing skills



Creative writing is expressing yourself through imaginative writing in any genre such as essays, stories, novels, poems and plays. To be an effective creative writer, you need a vivid imagination, strong language skills and sensitive observation of the world around you. Here are some tips to develop your skills in creative writing.

Read a lot, and enjoy reading books

The most important technique to improve your language skills, imagination and knowledge base is to read widely and read the books of good authors. Many youngsters lose interest in reading because they try to read books they find difficult to understand. If the original classics are beyond your comprehension, read their simplified versions; and read various genres in lucid language: poems, short stories, novels, essays, sci-fi, biographies, non-fiction, blogs and articles on different topics.

Build a strong vocabulary

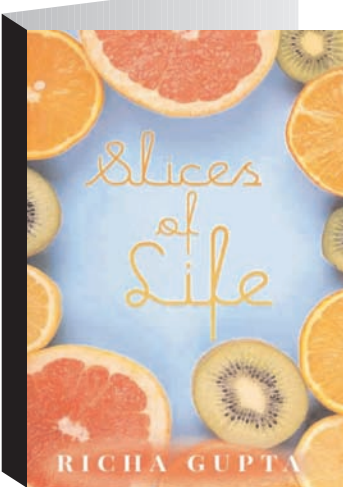
While reading, try to figure out the meaning of unfamiliar words from the context and confirm your guess by looking up a dictionary. Words that you understand intuitively will become part of your active vocabulary. Play word games such as scrabble with a strong adversary.

Practice writing

Do graded exercises in creative writing, and learn to write dialogue such that it sounds natural. There are several websites and workbooks that provide prompts, pictures and story starters to trigger your imagination. Start with writing based on a guided framework of visual or written cues, such as a series of pictures. Then, proceed to writing on the basis of a stimulus such as a leading or concluding sentence. Finally, write a creative piece on a topic. Get constructive feedback from an expert at each stage.

Strengthen your knowledge of grammar and punctuation

First, jot down your thoughts and then



Do take criticism positively, evaluate its veracity and learn from it. There is always scope for improvement

refine your writing. Learn the basic rules of grammar and punctuation so that you can correct all the errors in grammar, spelling and punctuation. Revise your writing after a few days to make the writing flow smoothly and enhance the content.

Remember the principles of good story writing

Develop realistic characters placed in a recognisable geographical and social milieu and familiarise readers with their thoughts and feelings. The start of the story must be attention-grabbing. Include an element of mystery to hook the readers and keep them guessing.

Start by writing about what you know

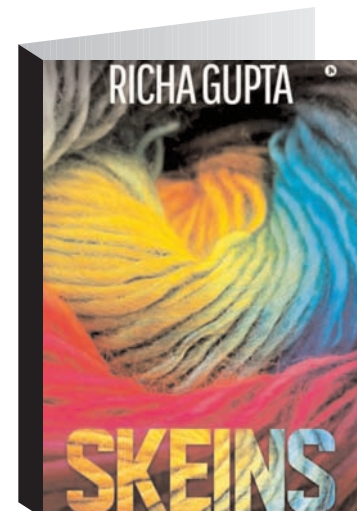
In the beginning, write about the world you know with characters you are familiar with and linked to topics of your interest. When you write on an unfamiliar topic, do thorough research to make it plausible.

Add a twist at the end

Try to build up a short story to an anti-climax so that something unexpected happens at the end. For inspiration, read the stories of Hector Hugh Munro, better known by his pen-name Saki, who used this device with mastery.

Understand the use of figures of speech

Start with writing simple sentences but as you become an advanced writer, understanding and using metaphors, similes, personification, puns and extended metaphors will enrich your prose whereas using additional rhetorical devices such as oxymoron, alliteration, euphemism, hyperboles, transferred epithet and metonymy will enrich your verse.



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Take criticism positively

When you write for an audience, readers will react differently and there may be criticism as well as appreciation. Take criticism positively, evaluate its veracity and learn from it. Remember that there is always scope for improvement.

Watch It!

ToiStudent presents NEP 2020. Our educators decode the way forward as envisaged in the National Education Policy of 2020 in this video presentation.

WHEN: We are live at 3 pm on August 11 (today).

WHERE: Watch the video at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyT6h6Z3gg94BAHqG5m-Ag> Subscribe for more such videos, discussions and movie screenings.

Have something to add?

1. Send us a video on your thoughts about the policy and whether you think this is the way forward for the education sector.

2. Make sure the video is clear and crisp. Do not exceed 2 minutes.
3. Send your video to nietteam@gmail.com.

Meanwhile join the discussion on our hashtag **#FutureForward** on <https://twitter.com/TOIStudent/>



FITNESS TREND

COPING UP

It is no more about losing flab or gaining abs alone. Fitness is more about survival for today's burned out youth



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Eating less and still putting on weight? Have low stamina, weak bones and frequent low back pain and headaches? Congrats. You've just won yourself a spot in the 21st century tired people's club. "I meet people in their early 20s and teens who can't even climb stairs or walk a kilometer. They are clocked out even before they touch midday," says Gagan Arora, a Delhi-based fitness trainer.

Fatigue has become one of this century's most debilitating yet underrated conditions, affecting the youth physically, emotionally and mentally. While getting the hourglass figure is still the driving factor for a huge chunk of the population, most strive to just get the basic, everyday fitness

need to stay in one spot. "Although we have more health clubs than ever and new fitness programs are being introduced almost every month, people are still getting unfit and fighting health issues. A huge population is lacking basic cardio respiratory endurance and strength required to perform daily chores effortlessly," adds Arora. Agrees Raoul Hirani, strength and conditioning coach, "The biggest problems people come to me with are mobility issues. People have incorrect postures and flawed squat patterns."

GET STARTED

Exercise is a must. The energy you produce when exercising breeds more energy, not caffeine and sugar. "We need to rethink and redesign our schedule to squeeze in some



SAY NO TO

SODAS: Drink plenty of water throughout the day that you never crave for any sweetened/aerated drinks/packaged fruit juices.

STARCH: Prefer wholegrain food items over refined flour.

PACKAGED FOOD:

They are high in preservatives and excess salt.

ARTIFICIAL SWEETENERS: Diet colas and artificial sweeteners contain less calories but have adverse effects on insulin levels.

to do their household chores and professional jobs better: "Doing the kind of work I do, there's always a lot of load on my back. I started functional training recently with the prime objective of not losing weight but to strengthen my back and get overall endurance," shares Mansi Midha, a Delhi-based photographer.

movement on daily basis. Simple tasks like standing, walking few steps every hour, climbing stairs or 10 minutes of morning/evening yoga can deliver positive health benefits than being sedentary all day," says Arora. Do not get too ambitious if you seek everyday strength.

TOO MUCH TO HANDLE

Today's adrenaline-fuelled lifestyle leaves less room for physical movement. There is so much to do — the endless updates to read and like, emails to respond to, photos to post, and with it all, rarely a full night's rest. Even technology is working around our ridiculous



Our Success Stories

Method of study is crucial, not hours of study



MARKS:
97%

STUDENT: Soumya Sucharita Dwibedy
CLASS: X-C
BOARD: CBSE
SCHOOL: Oasis School, Hyderabad

Your initial reaction on hearing the news?
At first I was in a state of shock for a while. But then reality hit me and I was so happy that I started to cry. It was a pleasant feeling never felt before.

What do you attribute your success to?
It definitely would be my interest to score well. What I believe is that things turn out good if you really want them to. Hard work, stress management, organisational skills, perfection and time management are some other attributes I would like to add.

Your message to the students appearing for the boards?

My first and foremost advice would be to stay calm and composed and not stress. It's just another exam which you have to appear for. Work hard from the beginning and stay focused. Concentrate and be dedicated while studying. Frankly speaking, studying hours do not make a difference, studying methods do.

Your next step?

I am continuing my studies with the science stream (MPC). I am an IIT aspirant and also want to appear for the civil service examinations.

“Soumya is creative, curious, and persistent with a tremendous spirit of confidence and knowledge.”

Usha Karumathil,
Principal, Oasis School,
Hyderabad



Quiz time

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

- Q.1) Which is the first Harry Potter book?**
A. HP and the Goblet of Fire
B. HP and the Philosopher's Stone
C. HP and the Chamber of Secrets
D. HP and the God of small Things
- Q.2) What was the nationality of Robert Louis Stevenson, writer of 'Treasure Island'?**
A. Scottish B. Welsh
C. Irish D. French
- Q.3) 'Jane Eyre' was written by which Bronte sister?**
A. Anne B. Charlotte C. Emily
D. None of the above



Q.4) What is the book 'Lord of the Flies' about?

A. A round trip around the USA B. A swarm of killer flies C. Schoolboys on a desert island D. None of the above

Q.5) In which century was Geoffrey Chaucer's Canterbury Tales written?

A. 13th-14th B. 14th-15th
C. 15th-16th D. 16th-17th

ANSWERS

1. B) HP and the Philosopher's Stone 2. A) Scottish 3. B) Charlotte
4. C) Schoolboys on a desert island 5. A) 13th-14th

COMMON GRAMMATICAL MISTAKES

1. FORMERLY/FORMALLY

THE RULES:

- 'Formerly' is something that happened before.
- 'Formally' (adj) in a formal manner.

HOW NOT TO DO IT:

- The store was **formerly** opened on Tuesday.
- It was a custom **formally** observed.

HOW TO DO IT PROPERLY:

- The store was **formally** opened on Tuesday.
- It was a custom **formerly** observed.
- Gaidar was **formerly** the vice governor of the Kirov Region.
- He was **formally** certified as a CA.

IDIOM OF THE DAY

MUM'S THE WORD

Meaning: To keep quiet. To say nothing.

CURRICULUM EXERCISES

Q1. What is the frequency range of the IEEE 802.11a standard?

Q2. Fill in the blanks:
A. Potassium nitrate is used in ____.
B. Permanent hardness of water may be removed by the addition of ____.

Answer: (1) 5GHz (2) A) Fertilisers B) Sodium carbonate (3) Bibi Ka Maqbara

Q3. Identify the following monument.



EXPLORE YOUR CREATIVITY

Develop a story based on the pictures in around 250 words. Send your entry along with your name, class, school and picture at toinie175@gmail.com



JUMBLED WORDS

1) amlde
A: damsel B: perfection
C: glorious D: query

2) yrpdami
A: depend B: pyramid
C: confidence

ANSWERS

1) A: damsel 2) B: pyramid

IDENTIFY THE PERSONALITY



He is the 18th Chief Minister of Maharashtra

Answer: Devendra Fadnis