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Holiday Homestay

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What are traditional and typical activities during the Spring Festival?



Visit friends and relatives
Have a Spring Trip



Set off fireworks
Receive and send red packets



What are your “Holiday Homestay” activities this year?



Indoor physical exercise

Online learning



Greeting friends online



Preparing delicious food at home



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1. What caused all of the celebratory activities to come to a stop this year?
2. What is the main reason why the disease is spreading so quickly?
3. What can we do to stay away from the outbreak of this epidemic?



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conference on Feb 8, it seems possible that the virus can be transmitted through *aerosol* (气溶胶), which is a *suspension* (悬浮) in the air (or in gas) of fine solid *particles* (微粒) or liquid droplets. These super fine aerosol particles can stay *afloat* (飘浮的) for quite some time and travel tens of meters. No further evidence has been found to support that announcement. Even so, it's one more reason for you to stay home – just in case.

Avoiding people and public spaces is definitely not how we planned to spend this festival season. But perhaps there is something positive we can take away from this outbreak.

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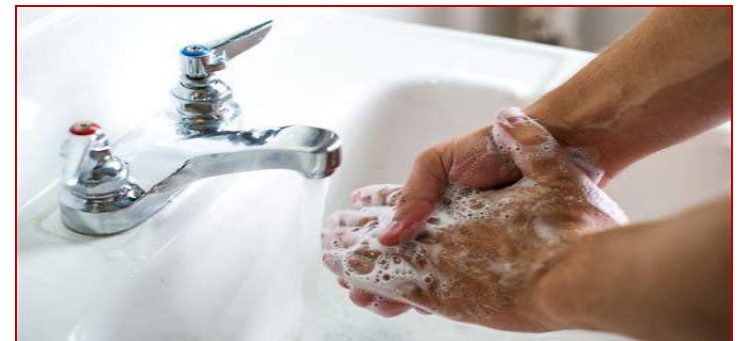
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One word with many meanings

“spot, mean, invisible”

1. The burglar broke into the bank and was caught by the policemen on the spot.
2. The dress looks amazing with some yellow spots on it.
3. Check your article carefully to make sure no spelling mistake can be spotted.
4. He is wealthy. He, however, is mean to everyone with his money.
5. A self-motivated student is always mean with his or her time.
6. Train is one of my favorite means of transport when travelling.
7. In some countries, smoking in public places is illegal and the smoker will be fined.
8. It is inconvenient for you to walk to school every day. I suggest you buy a new bicycle.
9. Doing necessary things first is very important. Sometimes, you might as well forget some unimportant things.

@Think about things you'll be free to do after this "invisible enemy" is defeated.



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