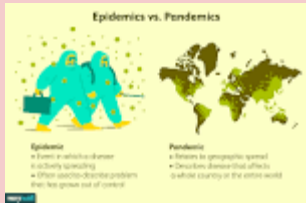


Stay Home and Stay Healthy!

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Vocabulary	
What are you up to?	schoolwork
so far	from books
going in (to work, to the office, etc.)	brought (to bring)
 <p>pandemic</p>	had (to have)
(working, studying, etc.) from home	are back

¹**Cathy:** Hi, Mary! How are you? *What are you up to* these days? Are you working *from home*,
²or are you *going in* to work during this pandemic?

³**Mary:** Hi! We're fine so far, thanks. I'm *going in* to work three days a week, but Bob is working
⁴*from home* every day. What about you two?

⁵**Cathy:** We're lucky because we're both working *from home*. Of course, we're also helping the
⁶kids with their homework.

⁷**Mary:** Are your kids doing their schoolwork online or *from books*?

⁸**Cathy:** They're doing a little work online, but the teachers **brought** their books to the
⁹house **for the kids** to use. I didn't expect that!

¹⁰**Mary:** The teachers are really working hard, aren't they? I appreciate them more now than
¹¹ever!

¹²**Cathy:** Yes, they really are, and so are the parents! But, we're enjoying having the kids home
¹³with us. You, too?

¹⁴**Mary:** Of course! Some people are saying they can't wait until the kids *are back* in school.
¹⁵But, pretty soon those same parents are going to be saying that they wish they **had**
¹⁶more time with their kids.

¹⁷**Cathy:** Haha! I know. Right?

¹⁸**Mary:** Well, I hate to cut this short, but Bob is waiting for me to start this week's science
¹⁹experiment with Tiffany.

²⁰**Cathy:** What grade is Tiffany in?

²¹**Mary:** 5th grade. (fifth)

²²**Cathy:** Oh. Okay. I'll let you go, then. Have fun with your family, and good luck with Tiffany's
²³experiment. Say hello to Bob and the kids for us! Stay home, and stay healthy!

²⁴**Mary:** Will do. You, too. Let's talk again soon!

²⁵**Cathy:** Sounds good. Bye for now!

Exercises:

1. How many present continuous verbs are in lines one and two? What are they?
2. Are you going in to work or working from home?
3. Do your children have a schedule for doing their schoolwork? If yes, what is it?
4. Do your children sometimes do their homework online?
5. In line nine, why does it say "**for** the kids" instead of "**to** the kids?"
6. How are you living differently now during the "stay-at-home" order? Write five sentences telling me about your activities now. Use the **present continuous tense** in your answers.

Example: I'm watching more television now than before. (or) I'm not watching more television now than before.

A.

B.

C.

D.

E.