**Actuele lesbrief Engels – DIY**

**Voor de docent**

Je ziet steeds meer mondkapjes in het straatbeeld. Binnenkort zijn ze zelfs verplicht in het openbaar vervoer. De tekst legt uit hoe je zelf een eenvoudig mondkapje maakt.

**ERK-niveau**

Lezen B1 – *Instructies lezen: Kan helder geschreven, ondubbelzinnige instructies begrijpen. (LEB1-4a)*

Leesstrategieën - *Kan de betekenis van zo nu en dan voorkomende onbekende woorden afleiden uit de context en de betekenis van zinnen herleiden, op voorwaarde dat het besproken onderwerp bekend is.*

**Intro**

Are face masks here to stay? At least for the time being, so let’s make some ourselves.

Assignment 1

Read the assignment and write down the answers in English. You may use English-language Internet sources to help you.

a An abbreviation is a shortened form of a word. There are different kinds of abbreviations. Some use periods; others don't. Some are written in capital letters; others use lowercase letters. What other abbreviations do you know? Write down 3 or more plus what they mean.

b **DIY** is an abbreviation for **do-it-yourself**. Click on the speaker symbol [here](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/diy?q=DIY) to learn how to say it.  
**DIYer** is a similar word. Find out what it means and write it down.

**DIY**

New measures were announced 6 May for the gradual reopening of the Netherlands. For example, on 1 June, trains, buses, etc. will start running again like before. But: everyone must wear some sort of face mask when travelling.

The situation is similar in Canada. Read more about it [here](https://www.cbc.ca/kidsnews/post/watch-how-to-make-a-diy-face-mask).

Assignment 2

Read the text. Connect the words and expressions that have the same meaning in the text.

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| 1. physical distancing | 1. difficulties; limitations |
| 1. pandemic | 1. fitting closely |
| 1. non-medical | 1. for a limited amount of time; not permanent |
| 1. to sew | 1. to give money, food, clothes, etc. in order to help others |
| 1. opportunity | 1. leaving a greater amount of space than usual between yourself and someone else |
| 1. elastics | 1. to make or repair something by using a needle and thread |
| 1. bandana | 1. not involving or relating to medical care or other things to do with medicine |
| 1. towel | 1. a piece of cloth used for drying things |
| 1. prevention | 1. to put something in a place or position so that it will not move |
| 1. snug | 1. a shop or part of a shop in which medicines are prepared and sold |
| 1. to secure | 1. situation in which which a disease (*ziekte*) spreads very quickly all over the world |
| 1. restrictions | 1. situation that makes it possible to do something that you want to do or have to do |
| 1. temporarily | 1. a square piece of cloth that is worn around the neck or head |
| 1. to donate | 1. a thin ring of rubber that is used for holding things together (like your hair) |
| 1. pharmacy | 1. when you do things to stop other things from happening |

Assignment 3

a True or false?

1 More and more people are wearing masks during the coronavirus pandemic.

2 Only some people have the coronavirus without any symptoms.

3 In Germany everyone must wear masks in stores and in trains and buses.

4 Many people are making their own masks.

5 When you wear a mask you can ignore physical distancing.

6 You must always wash your hands immediately after removing your mask.

b Why should people wear masks when [physical distancing](https://www.cbc.ca/kidsnews/post/what-is-physical-distancing" \t "_blank) isn’t possible?

1 To help fashion designers make money during the coronavirus pandemic.

2 To make sure that they do not catch any disease from other people.

3 To make sure that they do not spread the coronavirus without knowing it.

4 To show other people that they have the coronavirus without symptoms.

c What is the best way to keep everyone safe?

1 Donating masks to everyone you know.

2 Staying home as much as possible.

3 Washing your hands when physical distancing isn’t possible.

4 Wearing a mask in public and at home.

d Name at least 4 things you should consider ir you make your own mask.

Extra Assignment

a Watch the video embedded in the article.

b Follow the instructions and make your own masks so you can travel safely.