



# Quarantine Stories

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I am very excited to share with you five short stories I wrote and illustrated between March and May (2020) during the quarantine. I have decided to publish them as a free e-book. If you are a beginner, pre-intermediate, or even intermediate English language learner, I am sure you will have a pleasant time reading them and probably relating somewhat to the time when we all had to stay home and keep ourselves, as well as others safe.

The first story is about Puffy the kitten who is a bit confused about not being fed by Mrs. Stevens.

The second story is just a very common scene during the quarantine - grandchildren chatting online with their grandparents.

Then, we have HP, the poor laptop that has to work really hard to please everyone.

The fourth one is about a girl who has an online History class. Although she likes Mr. Silva's classes, something rather strange happens.

And finally, there is a rhyming story about a caring spider-father who spies on a girl called Grace.

Everything she studies he then teaches to his sons.  
Enjoy!



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purpose.

# Puffy

Puffy is unhappy. Puffy is hungry, very hungry and confused.

“Something is going on. Where is she? It’s been 2 days...

What if something bad happened to her?”

Mrs. Stevens is really upset and worried. It has been 2 days since she has left her apartment.

“What about Puffy? Who is going to feed the poor cat?”

She is walking back and forth and thinking. Mrs. Stevens has an idea.

She opens the cupboard in the hallway where she finds an old basket and a piece of rope.

Mrs. Stevens ties the rope to the basket, takes some ham out of the fridge, cuts it in small pieces, and puts them inside the basket.

Finally, she opens the window.

Puffy is walking on the sidewalk.

“Why are the streets so empty? Where could I get some food?”

All of a sudden, he hears something so familiar.

“Here-kitty-kitty-kitty. Puffy! Here-kitty-kitty...”

Puffy runs to the entrance of the building.

“There is no one here.”

Then, he hears it again,

“Puffy! Here-kitty-kitty-kitty.”

It’s coming from above.

Puffy looks up. He sees Mrs. Stevens looking down from the window and lowering the basket.

“Is that for me? Oh, I can smell something delicious there!”



# Jimmy and Grandma



Jimmy is really excited. He has just finished his dinner and now it's time to chat with his grandmother online.

He is sitting in front of his dad's laptop and waiting. Suddenly, the computer makes a loud ringing sound and here she is. "Grandma!" "Hello, Jimmy, how are you doing my dear?", asks Grandma.

"I'm ok. It's been a good day so far", answers Jimmy.  
"So, tell me, what have you done today? I hope you were not too bored".  
"Not at all, Grandma. I got up pretty late, at about 9:00, had breakfast, and read some comics, and after that, I played with my Lego blocks."

"What did you build?"

"I built a farm and a garage."

"I would love to see it. Can you take a photo and send it to me?"

"Sure, I will!"

"And, what did you have for lunch today?"

"Mom made lasagna."

"Was it as good as mine?"

"It wasn't bad, but yours is better."

"Oh, thank you. What did you do after lunch? Did you have a nap?"

"I did... for about an hour. And after the nap, I did some exercise with Dad."

"That's great! It's important to stay active these days. And what about your video games?"

"Yes, I played *FIFA20* right before dinner. And you, Grandma, how was your day?"

"Well, Jimmy, I had a pretty relaxing day. I did some knitting in the morning, watched TV in the afternoon, then later made fruit salad. About an hour ago, I opened the family photo album. There are so many beautiful pictures of you. Now I have to get ready to go to bed. Same time tomorrow?"

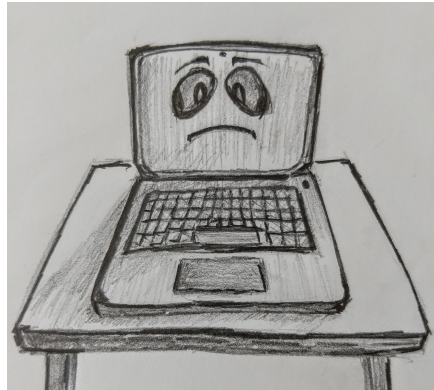
"Yes! Same time, Grandma. Goodnight. I love you!"

"Goodnight, my dear. Love you too."

# HP

Hello, everyone! My name is HP and I'm going to share my life story with you.

I have lived in a nice apartment with a loving family for about 5 years. "How did you end up here?", you might ask.



Well, I think I would call myself an adopted member of the family. I was taken from a huge warehouse and shipped here by, I believe, three trucks.

As soon as I got here, I was provided with different kinds of software and I started helping them explore the world, listen to music, watch videos, study and play games.

It had been quite easy for me to do all the tasks until about one month ago, when I suddenly became way too popular.



They haven't turned me off since. They have been moving me around from one room to another, even to the kitchen! I have been entertaining them with live concerts, movies, news (by the way, horrible news!), cooking shows and politics, politics and more politics!

Oh, and all that learning online! And of course, never-ending chatting...people from all over the world have been speaking in me and through me. Seriously, it has been too much. I am tired, very tired, and I am pretty sure I have a fever.

Wait a second! They are using me now, as I speak. They have just typed something into the search box. Let me see... It says:

“Affordable, fast, cheap laptop, free shipping”.

“What?! Are you thinking, what I'm thinking?

Am I going to have a sister? Brother? Cousin?

Friend?”

“Whatever! Yes! Yes! Yes!”

“Wait a minute...”

“Oh, am I being replaced?”

“Oh nooooo!”

# Pyramids

It's 8:30am, Monday morning. After snoozing her alarm three times, Luisa is finally up. She could have definitely slept for another hour, as she went to bed at about 1:00am last night. However, she has a History class online at 8:45. "It's OK", she thought. "I'll take a nap in the afternoon."

She takes her tablet, checks if it's charged, puts on her headphones and then, goes back to bed. "I love quarantine", she smiles.

Luisa places the tablet on the night table next to the bed and logs in to her school's online study platform. "I'm good to go."

Mr. Silva, the History teacher, has always been exceptional and excellent at teaching the subject. Today, he's introducing the ancient history of Egypt.

"This is going to be interesting", thinks Luisa and lies her head on the pillow.

"So, my dear students, firstly let's look at the Pyramids. Archaeologists believe Egypt's pyramids were built between 2589 and 2504 BC.

Now, here is the question – How did the Egyptians build the pyramids? Well, the Egyptians...”

Mystery... Pyramids, pyramids, pyramids, pyramids...

Luisa sits down in her bed and looks out of the window. She can't believe what she sees. All the buildings are gone and instead there are three beautiful giant, shiny pyramids. They have huge windows and elevators. Luisa sees a big crowd of people, and they are all wearing white surgical masks and dancing. But she can't hear the music.

“Wow, this is incredible! I have to go there...”

Suddenly she hears a knock on the door. “Is that Mom?”

“Luisa! Luisa! Are you coming down? Lunch is ready!”

Luisa opens her eyes.

“Lunch? Pyramids...”



# Spying Spider



Spying Spider climbed the wall  
He climbed it fast and climbed it strong.  
“I have to hurry, there is no time  
It starts at five, it starts at five!”

Spying Spider found the spot  
Above the window, as he sought.  
He took his pen and notebook out  
Put on his glasses looking down.

Meanwhile, inside the bedroom, at the desk  
A girl was getting ready for the test.  
She took the book, the map and pencil case  
“I love Geography!” Her name was Grace.

“Three countries in the world  
The largest population of them all?  
It’s China, India and the United States!”  
Grace found them fast with a happy face.

Spying Spider was taking lots of notes  
He wrote them down; he had big hopes.  
“Oh, that is brilliant! Oh, thank you, Grace!”  
He packed his things and sprinted to his place.

Down in the basement there was a little room  
Three spider brothers were waiting under the broom.  
“Hey, mom, we’re ready, ready to study! Where is dad?”  
“Be patient, darlings, he’ll be back soon, just don’t be sad.”

All of a sudden, the tiny window opened wide  
“I’m home, my boys!” and Spying Spider got inside.  
“Firstly, let’s start by reviewing Einstein’s biography  
And then, my dears, we’re going to learn Geography!”

