Dear students,

The texts given today are supposed to cover our meetings on 27th of April and 4th of May. I have chosen a text related to virus COVID-19.

This time also, I am going to provide the text and the translation simultaneously in order to give you the possibility of comparing and contrasting. I hope it will be of benefit to you.

The passage is taken from the World Health Organization.

How is COVID-19 spread and how do you protect yourself against it? كيف بنتشر فايروس كوفيد ١٩ وكيفية (لوقاية منه؟

Covid-19 is an infectious disease caused by a new coronavirus introduced to humans for the first time.

It is spread from person to person mainly through the droplets produced when an infected person speaks, coughs or sneezes.

These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby.

These droplets are too heavy to travel far in the air; they only travel approximately one metre and quickly settle on surfaces.

هذه الرذاذات أثقل بكثير من ان تنتقل بعيدا بالهواء، ولا تنتقل أكثر من متر واحد تقريبا وتستقر سريعا على الأسطح.

This is the reason person to person spread is happening mainly between close contacts.

The exact time that the virus can survive on surfaces is not yet known.

So it is wise to clean surfaces regularly, particularly in the vicinity of people infected with COVID-19.

Hands touch many surfaces, which can be contaminated with the virus.

You should therefore avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth, since contaminated hands can transfer the virus from the surface to yourself.

When coughing or sneezing, cover your mouth and nose with the bend of your elbow or use a disposable tissue.

If a tissue is used, discard it immediately into a closed bin.

The most effective way to prevent the spread of the new coronavirus is to clean your hands frequently with an alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water. أفضل طريقة فعالة للوقاية من فايروس الكورونا الجديد هي غسل اليدين باستمرار بمعقم كحولي أو الماء والصابون.

This will eliminate the virus if it is on your hands.

هذا سيقضى على الفايروس لو كان بيديك.

Stay healthy and prevent spread of COVID-19.

لنبقى أصحاء ونمنع انتشار وباء الكورونا.

Dear students, I would like you to read the lines and the suggested translation for them very carefully. Keep in mind that some phrases and sentences may have more than one way to be transferred to the target language. Try to locate where in the text you could provide a different, and sometimes, a better translation.

Good luck