# **ENGLISH BULLETIN BOARD**



## It's summertime as well in 2020



Usually we are wearing flip-flops but this year we are wearing face masks as well.



#### This year is so special...

Our world has turned upside down in so many aspects since March.

We spent weeks mostly at home. A longtime dream of working from home turned into real and was not easy. Kids were homeschooled and we had to realize that we are so used to spending time apart from our family members. But on the other hand we couldn't meet our parents and grandkids, loved ones because they live in another city.

We experienced fears on several levels and needed a lot of energy to stay positive. That worked for some of us better and for others less.

Some already lost their jobs, many of us work less hours to keep the companies up, others worked more than ever to serve the public.

And now we are back to a life with less restrictions but the old "normal" is far away. Many are tired of all the rules and regulations and then the little mean virus strikes again to remind us that we can't go back easily to our old "normal".

Summer holidays are coming. Kids are out of school again and everybody takes some time off. But what to do if your travel plans are amiss. My recommendations: stay at home and make the holidays as special as you can.....

visit places nearby that you know of but haven't visited for a long time like a zoo.

have something special to eat every day. Try new foods or new ways to barbecue.

meet friends and family and give the meeting a motto: dress as a gift or longdrink.

go for a hike or a bike tour and make a picnic.

make a list of things you never had time to do, pick one and finally go for it!

compliment three people every day and your world will be so much happier.

take care of your language skills and take part in our story competition :-)

WHAT'S NEW WITH LT&T ?

#### Honestly,

not very much. We are not working full time as so many classes are on hold. But we have plenty ideas on how to continue in fall!

#### The translations

are keeping us busy and happy. So, feel free to send us tasks when you have some.

#### New projects

are underway like wordlists, new tests and new teaching material for you to enjoy once we are back!

### **Story competition summer 2020**

There have been no English trainings for four months and most of you won't have had the energy to stay in touch with the language. I know. Therefore we invite you to this little competition.

Write a story, about 250 words, whether happy or sad, whether all correct or with mistakes, using linguee or google, but overall with fun! Send your story until 31st July 2020 to: <u>sibylle.Feinbier@dbs-gruppe.de</u>

### The topic is ..... ICECREAM !





# And for a laugh and astonishment: Here are some amazing facts: **Did you know.....**

the small dot over the letters "i" and "j" is called a tittle?

"spaghetti" is actually the plural form of the word? An individual strand is referred to as a "spaghetto"

You can fit every English letter into one sentence: ", The quick brown fox jumps over a lazy dog."

"Bookkeeper" and "bookkeeping" are the only 2 words in the English language with three consecutive double letters?

The word "goodbye" originally comes from an Old English phrase meaning "god be with you"?

#### Dear All,

I hope you are all fine and healthy.

Sending out this English Bulletin twice a year has turned into a very nice tradition. This is the 10th Bulletin and I hope you will enjoy this one. too.

Please, take care and I am looking forward to hearing from you and seeing you somewhen in fall!

Best wishes, Sibylle Feinbier LT&T by dbs