**Speaking Practice**

**Level:** B1+

**Lesson:** What do you hope for?

**Lesson Text:** What Bill Gates Hope We Learn from Coronavirus

**Text Source:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jLbJayQygzw>

**1. Warm Up (5 min)**

**a)** How did the Coronavirus pandemic affect your country?

**b)** How did it affect your life and your day-to-day, specifically?

**2. Listening Comprehension**

**Directions:** Watch the video about Bill’s gate opinion in regards to the effects of the Coronavirus pandemic.

**2.1.** **General Comprehension**

What does the video mainly discuss?

**a.** Bill Gates’ expectations and hopes after the Covid-19 crisis.

**b.** Bill Gates’ analysis of the Covid-19 primary causes.

**c.** Bill Gates’ concerns about a non-viable vaccine.

**2.2.** **Specific Comprehension**

**a)** What is Bill Gates hopeful for, after the worldwide pandemic?

**b**) In his opinion, why did smaller countries like Taiwanor South Korea manage the crisis better than larger countries, such as the US?

**c)** Does Bill Gates have high expectations in regards to the US Congress preventive actions?

**3. Pronunciation:** Say it correctly!

**Directions:** Under your teacher’s supervision, read the following excerpts out loud for pronunciation purposes.

**Ezra Klein**: So, in 2015, we had this conversation. I asked you what you were afraid of.

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**Ezra Klein**: So, let me ask you the reverse of it. I'm thinking three or five years into the future beyond just a vaccine. What are you hopeful for? What do you hope for?

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I think part of it is that the minor epidemics we had really didn't hit the US. So, if you look at the Asian countries that did well, places like Taiwan or South Korea, because they were hit with MERS or SARS, they had the playbook. They opened the playbook. And they went through those steps. And many of them wrote down, you know: step one, identify all PCR machines; step two, get supplies for PCR machines. We haven't done that in a reasonable way today.

We don't really know what's gonna happen in developing countries where most of the world population lives. But, unless there's some magical factor, the likelihood that the vast majority of the deaths will be there. It's harder for them to socially isolate, you know… they need to get food. There isn't this ability to do what we've done.

It should say to us, OK. This science is important. Let's use it to avoid pandemics and further things. The U.S. Congress – that allocates resources – has been the most generous on HIV funding for the entire world. You know, it started under a Republican administration. (…)

It's not where we'll end up. I don't see a change in the US Congress and saying, “hey, in this case, not only is it humanitarian”. It's about strategic relationships and it's about making sure the disease isn't coming back into the US as we participate in global commerce that we benefit immensely from. Everybody brings to the epidemic their hopes that maybe they had before. And I've always believed in global cooperation… that human ability to take a much worse situation and craft it into the institutions and the economic growth and innovation that we’ve had between World War II and now – I hope, huh, that this looks like that.

**4. Vocabulary Practice**

In the following sentences, say the highlighted words and phrases another way.

**a)** The big worry for me, I would say even a likelihood during my lifetime, is a big epidemic. (Bill Gates)

**b)** So, let me ask you the reverse of it. (Ezra Klein)

**c)** Well, I hope that this draws the world together. (Bill Gates)

**d)** We haven't blown off a nuclear weapon as part of a conflict. (Bill Gates)

**e)** We did that by binding ourselves together through a variety of institutions. (Bill Gates)

**f)** Whatever good comes out of this will, in no way, make up for the problems that it causes. (Bill Gates)

**g)** The minor epidemics we had really didn't hit the US.

**h)** Unless there's some magical factor, the likelihood that the vast majority of the deaths will be there.

**i)** It's harder for them to socially isolate.

**j)** The U.S. Congress – that allocates resources – has been the most generous on HIV funding for the entire world.

**k)** It's about strategic relationships and it's about making sure the disease isn't coming back into the US as we participate in global commerce that we benefit immensely from.

**l)** I've always believed in global cooperation… that human ability to take a much worse situation and craft it into the institutions and the economic growth and innovation that we’ve had between World War II and now.

**5. Grammar:** End-of-sentence Prepositions

Read the following excerpt by the interviewer, Ezra Klein, and take a closer look to the phrases in *italics*.

“I asked you *what you were afraid of* (…) So, let me ask you the reverse of it. I'm thinking three or five years into the future beyond just a vaccine. *What are you hopeful for*? *What do you hope for*?”

As you may see, these phrases all end with a preposition (of, for.) It is worth to note that both informal and formal English place prepositions at the end of the sentence (or clause) when a WH word is the object of a preposition (that is, comes after a preposition). Some speakers prefer the preposition to be placed before the WH-question word, at the beginning of the sentence (or clause), but note that this is a highly formal and sometimes awkward construction. See the examples below:

**A. Prepositions at the end of Indirect Questions**

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| **Very Formal** | **Common Usage** |
| Let me know **in which** person you are interested? | Let me know **which** person you are interested **in**? |
| Do you know **to whom** she is talking? | Do you know **who** she is talking **to**? |
| Do you have any idea **for what** this is? | Do you have any idea **what** this is **for**? |

**B. Final Prepositions at the End of Relative Clauses.**

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| **Very formal** | **Common Usage** |
| I have no money **with which** I can buy food. | I have no money (**~~that~~**) I can buy food **with**. |
| He needs a place **in which** he can live. | He needs a place (**~~that~~**) he can live**in.** |
| I need a pen **with which** I can write. | I need a pen (**~~that~~**) I can write **with.** |
| A service **on which** people depend should be rendered on time. | A service (that) people depend on should be rendered on time. |
| Show me the person **about whom** you told me. | Show me the person (**~~that~~**) you told me **about.** |
| The person **in whom** I am interested does not want to talk to me. | The person **(~~that~~)** I am interested **in** doesn't want to talk to me. |

**C. Informal Omission of a Preposition**

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| **Very Formal** | **Common Usage** |
| **On what**day are you meeting? | **What** day are you meeting? |
| **At which** time is your meeting? | **What** time is your meeting? |
| **For how long** are you staying? | **How long** are you staying? |

**6. Grammar Practice: *Ending the Sentence with a Preposition***

**6.1.** **Choosing the Right Preposition.**

**Directions:** Fill in the blanks with the correct preposition among the ones given (as in the example).

**Example:** This is the novel that I talked to you *about/to/in*.   
  
2. Ann is very unfriendly. She is impossible to work *to/about/with*.   
  
3. What do you need to go to the shop *about/with/for*? I'll buy it on my way home.   
  
4. Here is the book that I told you *in/for/about*. You should read it.   
  
5. What are you looking *to/for/with*? - My cat. I can't find him!   
  
6. What are you worried *in/for/about*? - Don't worry… everything will be all right.   
  
7. Who does the car belong *to/with/for*? It's standing on my lawn!   
  
8. Who is she going out *to/with/in*? - She is going out with Mark.   
  
9. What did you do that *with/for/about*? Your behavior was unacceptable.   
  
10. What kind of hobbies are your children interested *for/in/to*?

**6.2.** **Ending Sentences with Prepositions**

**Directions:** Re-state the following questions placing the preposition at the end of the sentence.

a) With which person do you agree?

**Answer:** Which person do you agree with?

b) For what did he apologize?

c) For which university is your daughter applying?

d) With whom in the office did she argue?

e) At whom are you mad?

f) With whom did you get angry?

g) To what did they get used?

h) With what are they familiar?

i) To what is all this related?

j) With what are you annoyed?

k) From what was he absent?

m) Of what was the criminal accused?

n) Of what should I be aware?

**7. Speaking: Monologue**

**Directions:** Answer the following questions in the form of a brief monologue. Feel free to add any information you consider relevant to your presentation.

**a)** Overall, are you happy about the strategies adopted by your government amid the Coronavirus pandemic? What should they have done differently (if applicable)?

**b)** What do you think will be different for your country (and the entire world) after this pandemic? In your opinion, what has this crisis proven?

**c)** In your case, what measureswill you make sure to take for prevention purposes in the years to come?

**d)** Overall,how will your life change after all the Covid-19 experience?

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**Narrator:** “Churchill Roosevelt and Stalin dedicated their nations to the foundations for permanent peace through a United Nations organization”

**Bill Gates**: Here –

**Woman 1**: "It felt like I was working in a warzone."

**Woman 2:** "They all have Covid."

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**[Woman 3:** "People are suffering."

**Man 1:** "There is no income. Life is so hard."]

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**[George W. Bush:** "And to meet a severe and urgent crisis abroad, tonight I propose the emergency plan for AIDS relief."]

**Bill Gates**: The US government has helped the health of the entire world; been a huge part of the reduction in death. And so, I do think what you're seeing in this short term, in terms of how the U.S. is engaging...

**Donald Trump:** "… to halt funding of the World Health Organization while a review is conducted."]

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