

# Creative writing

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## “The new normal”

### DIRECTIONS

You have just received a **peculiar message**:

- a text message on your phone
- an email
- a text that appeared on your computer screen
- a letter
- a voice message

This message was **sent from the future**, it is a type of "message in a bottle" from the future if you prefer.

The person who sent you this message **describes** and **explains** what is now considered as the "**new normal**" **after the current pandemic**, giving plenty of details about **noticeable changes** that people may experience:

- life in general / habits : leisure & entertainment, food, drinks
- social interactions
- technological advancement
- healthcare and fitness
- inter-generational relationships
- diplomacy and international relationships

The person who sent you this message could be **your future self** or **a total stranger**.

- The message could be written **one year from now** or much further from that (3, 5, 10 or many **more years from now**)

- The message can have an **optimistic**, a **pessimistic** or a **cautionary** tone about the pandemic we are going through right now, **this is up to you**.
- The message can be written with a **humorous** or **serious** spirit, here again, **it is up to you**.
- Use your imagination or your **forecasting** and **predictive** skills, be **creative**, make it **interesting to read**.
- Give yourself a great chance to develop your text : 250-300 words long (or more), use **paragraphs**.
- Take your time no need to rush it ; don't use Google translation please, use context-based online dictionaries like [linguee.fr](http://linguee.fr) instead (link below).
- Enjoy your work!

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[\*peculiar : strange, unusual, odd

[\*further : more distant in the future]

[\*cautionary : serving as a warning / a cautionary word or comment : un avertissement]

[\*forecasting skill : the ability to see the future