

Marzio Toniolo works as a primary school teacher in the small, quiet northern Italian town of San Fiorano. Until recently, he would usually spend his weekday mornings riding a bicycle to work and teaching children.

- ★as a primary school teacher の as は前置詞で「～として」(POINT 11)。
- ★he would usually...の would は「過去の習慣」を表す。
- ★spend [時間] (V)ing で「Vするのに [時間] を使う」。

Now, he is one of about 50,000 people whose lives are on hold. They have been placed under quarantine as Italy tries to contain Europe's worst outbreak of coronavirus. Italian officials say Lombardy and Veneto, two areas in the country's north, have the largest number of cases.

- ★文等の Now から過去・現在の対比を読み取ろう。
- ★whose lives are on hold の whose は関係代名詞の所有格 (POINT 23)。
- ★as Italy tries...の as は接続詞で、「…とき、ので、ように、つれて」。
- ★離れた SV に注意。

Many businesses are closed, and people speak to each other from a safe distance.

- ★business は「企業、会社」の意味に注意。
- ★closed は形容詞で「閉じている」。

Marzio Toniolo says he has trouble explaining the situation to his grandfather.

- ★have trouble (V)ing で「Vするのに苦労する」。
- ★explain A to B 「A を B に説明する」は explain to B A の語順になることがある。

"We told my grandpa 100 times that the bar is not open because of the Spanish flu, to make him understand," Toniolo said. "He is very angry and very old," he added.

- ★100 times は「100回」の意味。

Toniolo was speaking about the deadly disease that killed millions of people after World War I.

- ★deadly は形容詞で「命取りになる」。
- ★millions of A で「何百万もの A」。
- ★that killed 以下は関係代名詞節で、前の millions of people を修飾 (POINT 23)。

San Fiorano is only about 70 kilometers from Italy's financial capital, Milan. But the town has effectively been closed off from the outside world. Italian officials have reported that San Fiorano and nine neighboring towns were the epicenter of the coronavirus outbreak.

★Italy's financial capital, Milan は同格関係。

Living under quarantine

Toniolo lives with his grandparents, who are both in their 80s, his wife Chiara Zuddas and their two-year-old daughter.

★who are both in their 80s は関係詞の非制限用法。

★3者の並列は A, B and C の形にする。

★two-year-old は形容詞扱いで、このときは yearss にしない。

"We can take walks. We can walk our dogs... We can ride bikes, but the authorities have suggested that we should avoid contact with other people," he said.

★walk our dogs の walk は他動詞で「～を散歩させる」(POINT 03)。

Police put up barriers at the entrance of the town. Anyone who tries to escape faces up to three months in prison or a fine of up to \$220.

★who tries to escape は関係代名詞節で、前の Anyone を修飾 (POINT 23)。

★up to \$220 は「最大 220 ドル」。関連 about \$220 「約 220 ドル」

Like her husband, Zuddas is a primary school teacher. She has created a WhatsApp messaging group to keep in contact with her students.

★Like her husband の like は前置詞で「～のように、～と同じように」。

★to keep in contact with her students は不定詞の副詞的用法 (POINT 14)。

"Even if they are very young, I understood that they needed to hear from us and we needed to hear from them. I didn't do this to carry on with the school program, but to maintain human contact," she said.

★not A but B で「A (to carry on...) ではなく B (to maintain...)」。

★to carry on... と to maintain... は共に不定詞の副詞的用法 (POINT 14)。

"Next Wednesday, I am going to do an English exam via WhatsApp," she added.

★I am going to (V) は決まっている予定を、I will (V) はいまその場で決めたことを表す表現。

The family regularly tests body temperatures with a thermometer to make sure none of them are getting sick. They and other families are counting down the days to when the 2-week quarantine ends.

★to make sure none of them are getting sick は不定詞の副詞的用法 (**POINT 14**)。

★make sure (that) SV で「SV を確認する」。be sure of A は「A を確信している」。be sure to (V) は「V するのか確実だ」。

“We know that we may be infected and that we may already have contracted the coronavirus,” said Toniolo, adding that they were watching television stations to stay informed of what was happening.

★may have Vp.p. で「V したかもしれない」 (**POINT 34**)。

★adding 以下は分詞構文 (**POINT 18**)。

★stay (V) informed (C) の informed は形容詞扱い。Inform A of B 「A に B を知らせる」が元の表現。

“Let’s hope everything will be fine. I have friends who have contracted the coronavirus these days, but they already feel better,” he said. “They told me not to worry.”

★who have contracted the coronavirus these days は関係代名詞節で、前の friends を修飾 (**POINT 23**)。

★tell O to (V) なら「O に V するように言う」。tell O not to (V) で「O に V しないように言う」 (**POINT 06**)。