

# IT'S THE LITTLE THINGS THAT MAKE YOU HAPPY

A reportage which is made during the lockdown – Created by Patricia Suter



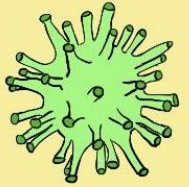
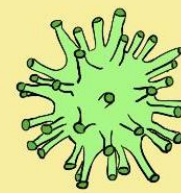
These are the little things that made me happy before the lockdown.

Everything starts in this house. It's located in the canton of Berne in Switzerland directly next to the beautiful river called Aare. It's still dark because my daily life begins now.

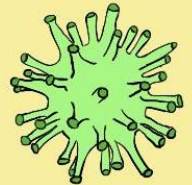
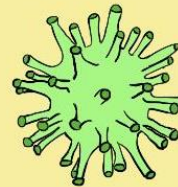


I am Patricia Suter and there are some parts in my daily life that have changed during the lockdown.

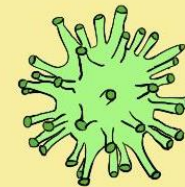
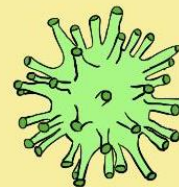
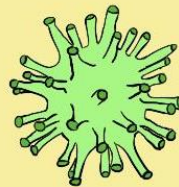




Due to the **Corona Pandemic** we are in an extremely special situation. All events are cancelled, the shops including restaurants and even the borders are closed. This means we are locked in Switzerland and we probably must cancel our planned summer holidays to Scotland. We are only allowed to leave the house for the necessary things. If we do so, we must follow the two-meter distance rule and other hygiene measures.



Corona is a virus that originated in China and is shaking up the whole world. I want to show how the Corona crisis has changed my everyday life. The days during this time are not always easy and the little things in life become more and more important.

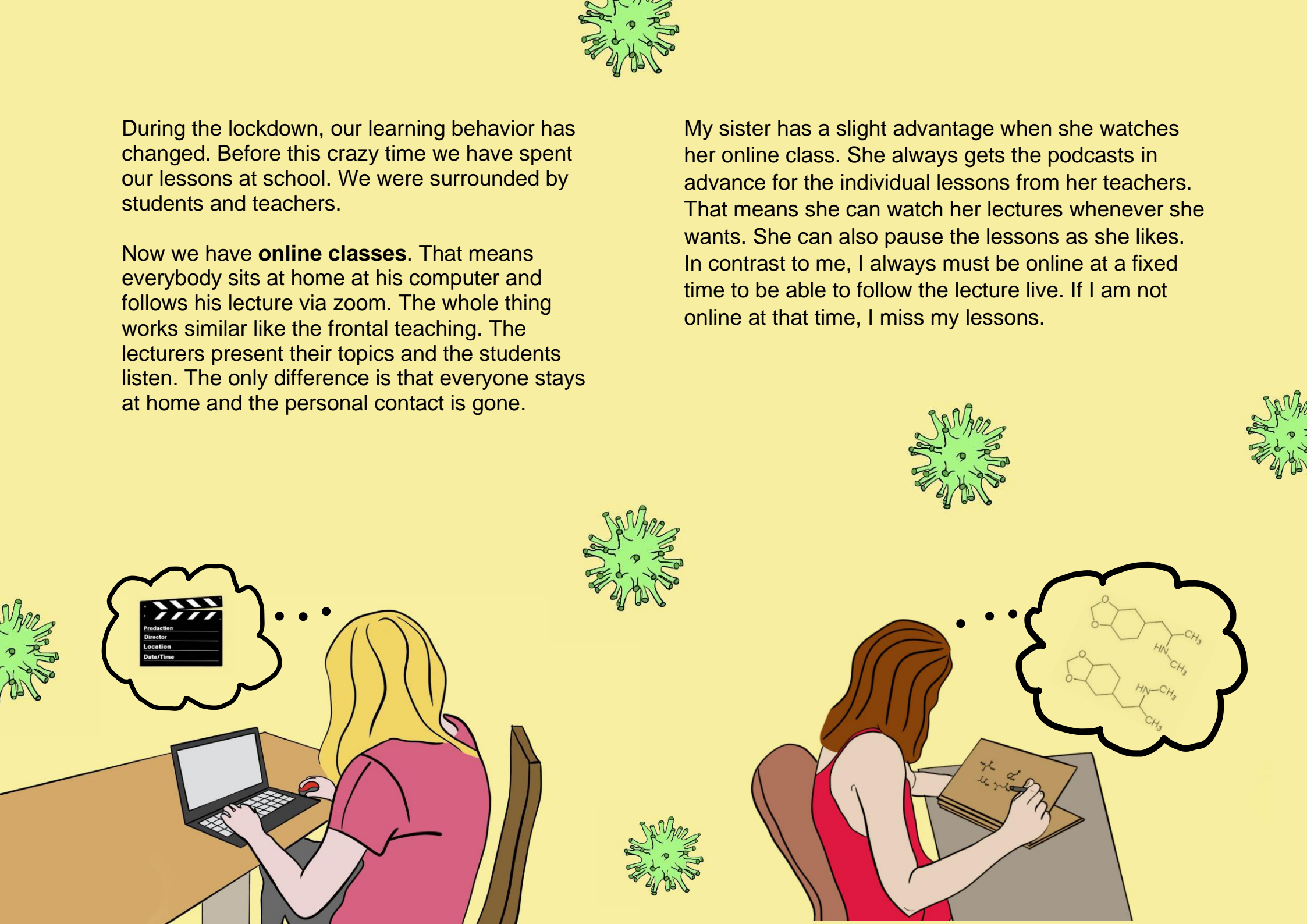




During the lockdown, our learning behavior has changed. Before this crazy time we have spent our lessons at school. We were surrounded by students and teachers.

Now we have **online classes**. That means everybody sits at home at his computer and follows his lecture via zoom. The whole thing works similar like the frontal teaching. The lecturers present their topics and the students listen. The only difference is that everyone stays at home and the personal contact is gone.

My sister has a slight advantage when she watches her online class. She always gets the podcasts in advance for the individual lessons from her teachers. That means she can watch her lectures whenever she wants. She can also pause the lessons as she likes. In contrast to me, I always must be online at a fixed time to be able to follow the lecture live. If I am not online at that time, I miss my lessons.

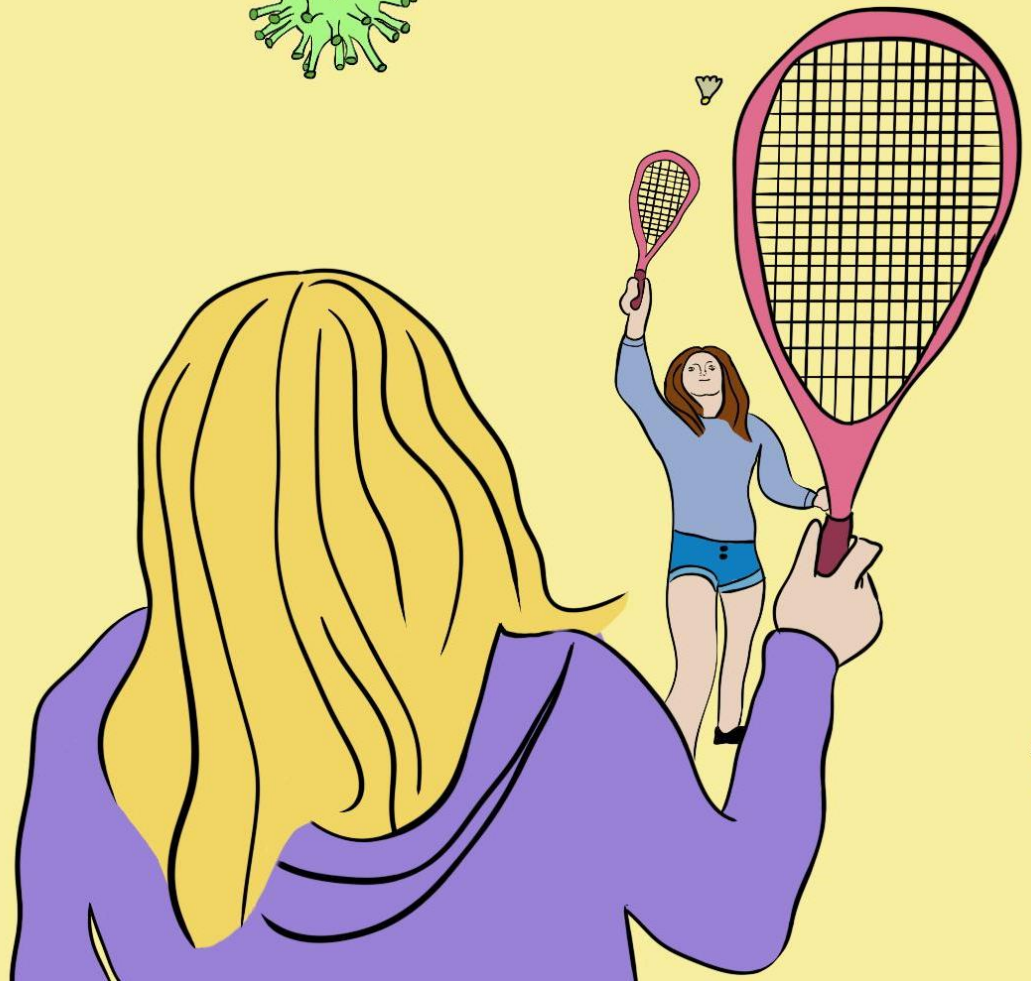
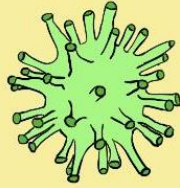
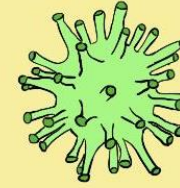
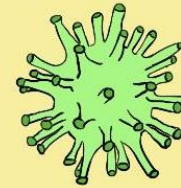
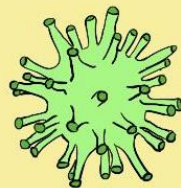
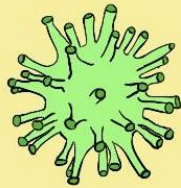


Another change concerns my **driving lessons**.  
Before the Corona Pandemic we could normally sit  
in a car without any safety measures.

As soon as the driving instructor and I enters the  
car we must disinfect our hands and wear a  
protective mask because the safety distance isn't  
guaranteed. These driving lessons make the daily  
life during the lockdown a little bit more interesting.



During this time I started to appreciate the little things in life. I have much more time for things that I have rarely done before the lockdown. This includes playing badminton with my sister, taking pictures with my new camera, playing songs on the piano, and finishing the huge puzzle.





These are the little things that make me happy during the lockdown and  
don't forget to stay positive!

