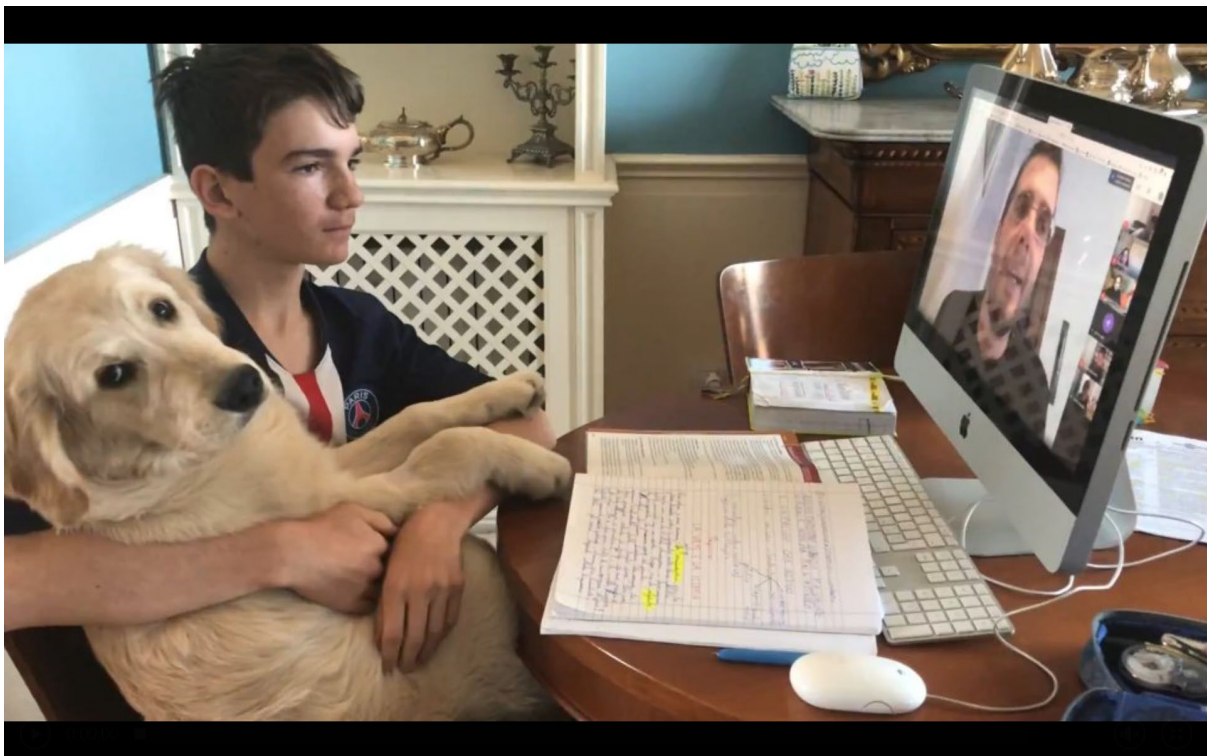


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LESSON 6: LIFE IN LOCKDOWN

*These Italian Kids Are Going to School
Online During the Coronavirus
Lockdown*



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Until two weeks ago, Leonardo Bruti Liberati's weekdays consisted of racing to school in Milan, and after class, to his piano lessons, Boy Scouts sessions, rock climbing and swimming. In late March, he was meant to travel to the United Nations in New York, with teenagers from across the world, to participate *in the Model U.N. session* for youth.

Then in late February his life was drastically upturned, along with millions of others, when Italy's government put the north of the country on lockdown in an effort to contain the spread of the COVID-19 virus. On Sunday, Italy extended the lockdown to the entire country, shutting all schools and severely restricting the movements of some 60 million people—the biggest quarantine outside China since the coronavirus crisis erupted in January. As of Wednesday, 631 people had died of the virus in Italy.

Now, the 16-year-old is confined to his three-bedroom family apartment in Milan. Yet while his private school, *Famiglia e Scuola*, is shut, classes still continue under quarantine, in an ongoing experiment in remote learning.

On Wednesday, Leonardo let *TIME* watch how the quarantine schooling works, as students logged into Google Hangout to attend their regular morning class in Ancient Greek. For Leonardo, it was a welcome chance to see his friends, from whom he has been isolated for weeks. One hitch: The teachers have bluntly told him that his adored golden retriever, *Dag II*, is no longer welcome to sit on his lap during lessons.

The classes are a distraction from the more serious concerns about the outbreak. "I worry about my grandmother," Leonardo says. "She is 101

