**I need to get this out of me.**

**Today I walked to my local pharmacy, the dollar store, and the grocery, all just within minutes of where I live.  
I had intended to kill two birds with one stone - just pick up a few things, and get some much needed air & exercise. See, I haven't left my home for over 2 weeks.  
Instead, I ended up coming home in a taxi with 8 large grocery bags filled to the brim with food and supplies...for 1 person. Why? Well, certainly not because I am hoarding or buying things frivolously.  
No, the truth is I was terrified of being out there, and all I could think of was that I don't want to do this again for as long as possible. Standing in 3 separate line-ups until my turn came to go in, wondering if all these other people around me were infected and didn't know it yet. Having a mild anxiety issue when a gentleman in line ,6 feet in front of me coughed. Twice. Watching all of us shop with a wary eye, and sidestepping each other with our carts to make sure we "kept our appropriate distance".  
What I saw was nervous people, myself included.  
I saw a young mother with her two daughters trying her best to keep them out of the way so that others could safely pass. I saw hostility break out when a man lost his cool because he tried to enter through the exit door, and was turned back to stand in line like the rest of us.  
I saw fear, and to be honest, it wasn't pleasant and it rattled me.  
This pandemic is wreaking havoc in so many ways that we haven't yet realized.**

**I thanked the young man who served me at the cash in the grocery store for working to serve all of us. I tipped my taxi driver $20 for a $5 fare, because I feel so thankful and privileged that I am able to work from the safety of home.**

**I pray that we come out of this smarter, more enlightened, more resilient, and with a kinder heart, because we're all in it together.**

**The following words have been taken from the text above. Use them to fill in the gaps of the sentences below. Make changes to the words if necessary.**

**random- brim - hoard - frivolous- sidestep- rattle- havoc- wreak- privilege- resilient**

1 This [rubber](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/rubber) [ball](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/ball) is very \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and [immediately](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/immediately) [springs](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/spring) back into [shape](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/shape).

2 The [speaker](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/speaker) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the [question](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/question) by saying that it would take him too [long](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/long) to [answer](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/answer) it.

3 She is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with confidence.

4 We asked a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ selection of people what they thought about the issue.

5 The delay played \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with their travel arrangements.

6 I feel like doing something completely \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ today. There is too much seriousness going on!

7 She was determined to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_revenge on both him and his family.

8 She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ dirty bottles, old newspapers, broken appliances, even plastic bags from cereal boxes.

9 Healthcare should be a right not a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

10 The creaking from upstairs started to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ me. It was such a creepy sound.

**Answer the following questions**

1 In what sense did the writer intend to “kill two birds with one stone”?

2 Why did she fail to fulfill her initial plan?

3 What made her end up with eight shopping grocery bags?

A the extraordinary cheap prices B fear of having to repeat this C she was on a shopping spree

4 Which word describes the way she felt while standing in line to pay?

A wary B impatient C tired

5 Why would she tip the cab driver so generously?

A she had money to spend B he was good looking C out of gratitude

6 What might the “silver lining” of her experience at the supermarket be?

7 Do you share similar feelings to hers, if yes try to describe the way you feel when among people with all this social distancing going on , or how we may all feel after this is over. Imagine!