

## English 113

### Home Learning Challenge # 1

#### The Bitter and the Sweet

This activity was inspired by a blog post by a Canadian author, Sharon Bala. I would like you to go to her website, [sharonbala.com](http://sharonbala.com), click on “Musings” and read the post “The Bitter and the Sweet.” (It will only take a few minutes – it’s short).

Your challenge is to make your own list using the 5 following prompts:

1. I miss... – a list of things you miss right now from your “regular” life. Aim for 5 items.
2. I don’t miss... - a list of things that you do not miss from your “regular” life. Again, aim for 5 items.
3. When this time of pandemic is finally over, these are things I won’t miss... Aim for 3 - 5 things.
4. When this is finally over, these are things I will miss... Aim for 3 – 5 things.
5. When this is finally over, these are things I will never forget.... Aim for at least 2 responses.

Here’s an example from my responses:

1. I miss talking to my students every day. I miss Ethan’s stories (bet you never thought you’d hear me say that!) I miss coffee at break. I miss Friday night “girls’ night out.”
2. I don’t miss having to get up at 5:00 am. I don’t miss the 2 hours of driving every day. I don’t miss having to fill up my gas tank every three days.
3. When this is finally over, I won’t miss hearing how many people have died each day. I won’t miss worrying about my husband at his job. I won’t miss worrying about my elderly mother.
4. When this is finally over, I will miss watching a movie in the afternoon in the “man-cave.” I will miss leisurely breakfasts. I will miss afternoon naps.
5. I will never forget, the dedication of health care workers. I will never forget the horrific images which came out of New York City. I will never forget the tears I saw being cried by so many.

