

An Exponential Function

I got coffee with a friend today.

We went on a walk on the beach

then she went back to her apartment to have lunch

with her roommate before spending the afternoon

with her boyfriend who then dropped by his brother's house

for a half hour to play with his nephew

until he left to return to his own place for the night.

By the time I got the phone call telling me

I had tested positive for it

my friend had spent the day at work

and her roommate had visited the grocery store

and her boyfriend had grabbed a meal with his mom

and the nephew had gone to preschool

and and and...