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Employee Learning Center English Learning Newsletter

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New words of the week:

UW is planning **modifications** (changes) to campus this fall, including

- **hybrid** (mixed in-person and online) classes
- **reconfigured** (changed, reorganized) spaces
- **staggered** (not at the same time) work hours

These plans agree with public health and UW safety **protocols and policy** (rules, guidelines).

Learn more at the UW Smart Restart website:

<https://smartrestart.wisc.edu/>



Employee information is on this page:

<https://hr.wisc.edu/smart-restart/>

Phrases for conversation:

Use these phrases when you have trouble with a task:

- **What do I do** first / next / after that?
- **What am I doing** wrong?
- **Why doesn't this work?**
- **How come** nothing happens / this happens?
- **I can't figure this out.**
- **This doesn't seem to work.**

- Adapted from **Perfect Phrases for ESL Conversation Skills** by Diane Englehardt

Learn more:

Test your English skills with grammar and vocabulary quizzes (and more) at this website:

<http://a4esl.org/>

Activities for ESL Students

Opposite Proverbs:

“Many hands make light work” = it’s easier to get work done when more people help.



“Too many cooks in the kitchen spoil the broth” = it can be difficult to complete a task when a lot of people are involved.

For Fun:

Farmer’s Markets are happening around the Madison area. Now is the season to get fresh local produce! Find a market near you here:

www.visitmadison.com/events/farmers-markets/

