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English Learning Newsletter
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New words of the week:

If you traveled or **gathered** (met in a group) with people who don't live with you over Thanksgiving **recess** (break), you should get tested for COVID-19 before **resuming** (starting again) in-person campus activities.

If you get a negative test immediately after traveling or attending a **gathering** (group meeting), that is NOT an **all-clear** (OK). You should wait 3 to 5 days to test, and then test again after 10 to 12 days.

Here is the December testing schedule:

https://www.uhs.wisc.edu/medical/testing/

For fun:

Click this link to Dane Buy Local Marketplace for **local** stores (in the nearby area) with online and **curbside** (pick-up) shopping:

https://www.danebuylocal.com/dbl-marketplace

News For You Online:

https://www.newreaderspress.com/news-for-you-online

Password: B1AAB8

Phrases for conversation:

Use these phrases to talk about **consequences** (results):

- **As a result of** increasing COVID-19 infections, more people are in the hospital.

- **The outcome of** the election is a new President-elect.

- Some businesses may **end up** closing because of the pandemic.

- **A worst-case scenario** would be to cancel Christmas and New Year celebrations.

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

Learn more:

Merriam-Webster Dictionary's Word of the Year for 2020 is "pandemic". Read more about this and other words that have been important this year:

https://www.merriam-webster.com/words-at-play/word-of-the-year/pandemic

Sayings about consequences:

- **Once bitten, twice shy** = If you have a bad experience, you will not want to do it again.

- **Pride goes before a fall** = If you are too sure of yourself and not realistic enough, you may be disappointed.

- **A stitch in time saves nine** = It's better to fix a problem when it is small than to wait and let it become bigger.