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English Learning Newsletter

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New words of the week:

Holiday gatherings are more **risky** (dangerous) this year because of COVID-19. It is safest to gather only with people you live with.

You can **create a bubble or pod** (make a small group of people who only have contact with each other).

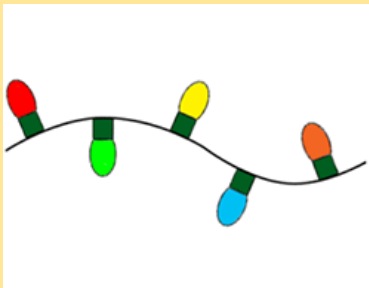
Here is more information from Public Health Madison & Dane County:

<https://publichealthmdc.com/blog/socializing-more-safely-this-winter-how-to-form-a-bubble-or-pod>

For fun:

Olin Park is **decked out** (decorated) with holiday lights! See them at 1156 Olin-Turville Court, from 4:30 to 10 pm until January 3rd:

<https://www.travelwisconsin.com/events/tours/holiday-fantasy-in-lights-42728>



News For You Online:

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

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Phrases for conversation:

Use these phrases to talk about home.

At home has 2 meanings:

1. Be in your house or apartment. Examples:
 - Do you work **at home**?
 - I am **at home** every Saturday.
2. Feel comfortable. Examples:
 - Do you feel **at home** in Madison?
 - Where do you feel most **at home**?
 - I feel **at home** with my friends.

Where do you call home? = Where are you from?

Learn more:

Phrasal verb = verb + preposition that together has 1 meaning. Example: **deck out** = decorate.

Play the Phrasal Verbs Matching Game #1 here:

<https://www.englishclub.com/esl-games/matching-phrasal-verbs-01.htm>

***Don't click** on the ads!

Sayings about home:

- **Charity begins at home** = We start to be kind by taking care of the people we live with.
- **Home is where the heart is** = We feel happiest at home.
- **There's no place like home** = Home is the best place to be.

