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New words of the week:

UW Health wants people to be **vigilant** (alert and watchful) because COVID-19 **cases** (infections) are increasing in Dane County and Wisconsin.

They **urge** (strongly recommend) people to be serious about this **trend** (something happening among many people).

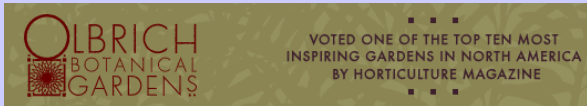
To prevent a “**summer surge**” (increase in infections during the summer):

- Practice physical distancing
- Wear face coverings
- Wash hands frequently
- Stay home if possible

For Fun

The Olbrich Botanical Outdoor Gardens in Madison are open from 12 – 6 pm Tuesdays through Sundays:

<http://www.olbrich.org/>



Similar Proverbs

Each means: be active and decisive when you have the opportunity.

- **Strike while the iron is hot**
- **Take the bull by the horns**
- **Seize the day**

Phrases for conversation:

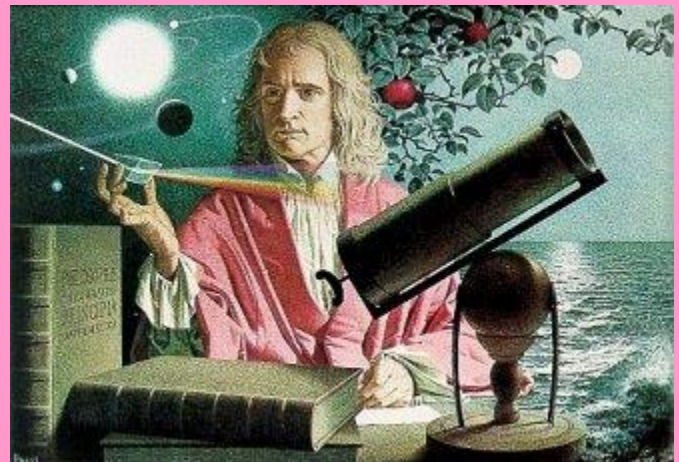
Use these phrases to encourage others:

- **Don't give up now!**
- **Hang in there!**
- **You can do it!**
- **Give it your best shot.**
- **You've got this.**
- **Go for it!**

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

Famous Story

In 1665, England had an epidemic of bubonic plague (a deadly infectious disease). Cambridge University was closed, so Isaac Newton and the students were sent home. Newton spent the next two years on his aunt's farm. During this time, he developed the main ideas of calculus and the laws of physics.



- Adapted from **The 5 Elements of Effective Thinking** by Edward B. Burger and Michael Starbird