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Employee Learning Center English Learning Newsletter

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New words of the week:

Even though the Wisconsin State Supreme Court **struck down** (cancelled) the State's "Safer at Home" order, the mayor of Madison says stay-at-home orders will continue to be **enforced** (kept) in Dane County. Some businesses in the state will start to open, while others will still stay closed.

Because of an expected **budget deficit** (loss of income), UW is **implementing** (starting) different kinds of furlough programs for employees. Some employees on the Work-Share program may be **eligible** (qualified) for **unemployment benefits** (money from the state for the hours they are not working).

Phrases for conversation:

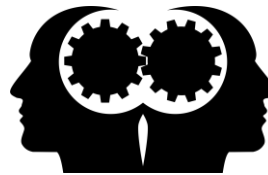
Use these phrases to express confusion:

- I can't figure out these instructions.
- I can't make heads or tails of this.
- I'm completely lost.
- This is over my head.
- This makes no sense to me.
- It's beyond me.
- I don't know if I'm coming or going.

Proverb:

"Two heads are better than one."

Meaning: It's easier for two people who help each other to solve a problem than for one person to solve it alone.



Learn More:

Watch this video to learn how to make a homemade face mask more effective:

<https://www.npr.org/sections/goatsandsoda/2020/05/13/854428849/video-3-tips-to-make-your-face-mask-more-effective>



For Parents:

Watch a short video and read the transcript for tips to help kids learn at home without technology:

<https://www.newsy.com/stories/what-if-i-don-t-have-great-tech-options-at-home/>



Famous Quote:

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy." – Martin Luther King, Jr.