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Employee Learning Center English Learning Newsletter

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New words of the week:

Many people are **filing** (submitting applications to state governments) for unemployment benefits.

UW-Madison has **established** (created) an employee emergency loan program that provides helps employees who have financial **hardship** (difficulty) because they are on Position-Specific Furlough or are working **reduced** (fewer) hours in a Work-Share program.

These employees can apply for a **loan** (borrow money and pay it back later) at **0% interest** (no extra charge).

Phrases for conversation:

Use these phrases to make demands:

- **I insist that** you answer my questions.
- **I have a right to** receive services.
- **You had better** stand 6 feet away to talk with me.
- **You need to** tell me what I must do next.
- **I expect** you to respond to me promptly.
- **If you don't** wear a face mask, I can't help you.

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

Two Proverbs:

"Where there's a will, there's a way."

"While there's life, there's hope."

Both mean: While we are alive and have energy, we can find solutions to our problems.



Learn More:

Read short stories by ESL students from many countries who live in California. Click on seven different story "themes".

http://www.eslstation.net/Lab_Information/Our_Lives/Index.htm

*Our Lives,
Our Stories*



For Fun: Click the link to play a "memory game" with photos of places and events in Wisconsin. When you finish a game, you can click "learn about locations" to get the information for each photo.

<https://www.travelwisconsin.com/match-it-wisconsin>

Find more games and Wisconsin information at the Travel Wisconsin website:

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Famous Quote:

"Constantly think about how you could be doing things better, and keep questioning yourself" – Elon Musk (founder of SpaceX and Tesla Motors)