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English Learning Newsletter

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New words of the week:

UW announced a 14-day **emphasis** (focus) on health and safety.

All in-person classes and group activities at UW must **pause** (stop for now) from September 10th to 25th because of a **rapid** (very fast) increase in positive COVID-19 tests.

Some students must **quarantine** (stay separate from others).

To make an appointment for COVID-19 testing, UW employees must first update their **profile** (personal information) and sign a **consent** (agreement) form in their MyUHS (University Health Services) account.

Watch a video about how to use your MyUHS account here:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=vY5zxyMtE7E

For Fun:

The Henry Vilas Zoo is open every day from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm:

<https://www.henryvilaszoo.gov/>



Phrases for Conversation:

Use these phrases to ask for clarification when you have trouble understanding someone:

- I'm sorry, but I don't understand.
- I'm not quite with you.
- I didn't get that.
- Could you go over that again?
- Run that past me again.
- What do you mean?

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

Learn more:

September 17 is Constitution Day. Learn more about the U.S. Constitution here:

<https://www.constitutionday.com/>



Common saying

There's a method to my madness = there is a reason why I'm doing something.

Example –

Student: Why are you cleaning that area so much?

Custodian: **There's a method to my madness.** It's a high-traffic area, so I need to clean it often.