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English Learning Newsletter

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New words of the week:

- **Dashboard** = electronic notice board that gives current information.

This UW dashboard gives information about COVID-19 tests on campus:

https://www.wisc.edu/dashboard/

Sayings about health:

An apple a day keeps the doctor away = eating fresh food keeps you healthy.

Laughter is the best medicine = you feel better when you laugh about something funny.

Learn more:

Practice English for healthcare at this website:

https://sites.google.com/nh-milw.org/ilp/health

*Be careful! There are many advertisements – you do NOT need to click on them to practice the English.

Noun or verb?

Some **2-syllable English words** can be a noun or a verb. If you say the **first** syllable louder, it's a **noun**. If you say the **second** syllable louder, it's a **verb**. Examples:

Nouns	Verbs
Permit (PER-mit)= a document that allows you to do something • I need to get a parking **permit** for Lot 29**.**	Permit (per-MIT) = allow, give permission to do something • Some streets **permit** free two-hour parking.
Refund (RE-fund) = money • I got a **refund** for the items I returned.	Refund (re-FUND) = to give money back. • Please **refund** my money.
Invite (IN-vite) = an invitation • Did you get an **invite** to the party?	Invite (in-VITE) = to ask someone to come • I will **invite** you to the meeting.
Project (PRO-ject) = specific kind of work • We have to finish this **project** today.	Project (pro-JECT) = to give a prediction • They **project** COVID-19 cases will rise.
Protest (PRO-test) = an organized demonstration against something • There is a **protest** about the state face mask order.	Protest (pro-TEST) = to march or demonstrate against something • They march to **protest** police violence.