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furlough

Word of the Day - for Toastmasters everywhere
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(noun) FUR-lo

Leave from duty or prison, work layoff (U.S.)

A civil servant home on **furlough** from Egypt said the tunnels smelt like a crocodile's breath.

Barbara Vine, *King Solomon's Carpet*.

No, no, Frederick; your visit will make me so well, that I shall in a very short time recover strength to work again; and you must return to your regiment when your **furlough** is expired.

E. Inchbald, *Lover's Vows*.

He thought of applying for a **furlough** so as to travel abroad.

A. Pushkin, *The Queen of Spades*.

The suspect, Michael Coppola, was charged with shooting John Lardiere five times outside the Red Bull Inn a few hours after Mr. Lardiere left prison on a **furlough**, the authorities said.

John Sullivan, *The New York Times*, 13 March 2007.
New York Times

Not only did he put himself on **furlough** to cut his pay last year from \$75,000 to \$48,500, but he also takes his turn with the scrub brush every fifth week to clean toilets at the cottage his theater company leases for its headquarters from the American School for the Deaf in West Hartford.

Alison Leigh Cowan, *The New York Times*, 12 April 2006. New York Times