

Daily Life - Fresh Start (C0184)

A: Now that it's the new year, I've decided to turn over a new leaf.

B: Yeah? You finally decided to wipe the slate clean?

A: You got it! I have a new job, I'm living in a new city, with new friends! This is my opportunity to make some small changes in the way I live my life.

B: So what are you going to do? Take up an art class or something?

A: Well, first of all, I've decided to stop smoking. It's not that I'm pinching pennies or anything, it's just that I've been smoking since I was sixteen, and I think it's time to stop.

B: I'm with you on that one. Anything else you're planning on doing?

A: One last thing, I've decided to come out of the closet.

B: It's about time!

Key Vocabulary

turn over a new leaf	<i>phrase</i>		start anew
wipe the slate clean	<i>phrase</i>		start over
opportunity	<i>common singular</i>	<i>noun,</i>	chance
take up	<i>phrase</i>		start, adopt the study
pinch pennies	<i>phrase</i>		to be thrifty
with you	<i>phrase</i>		support you
come out of the closet	<i>phrase</i>		to state openly or publicly one's homosexuality

Supplementary Vocabulary

endless	<i>Adjective</i>		having or seeming to have no end
significant	<i>Adjective</i>		important, meaningful

to start anew/ to begin anew	<i>phrase</i>	to start again as if from the beginning
to quit	<i>verb</i>	to stop doing something
to get into shape	<i>phrase</i>	to become physically fit