

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

phrase

start anew

wipe the
slate
clean

phrase

start over

opportunity

*common noun,
singular*

chance

take up

phrase

start, adopt the study

pinch
pennies

phrase

to be thrifty

with you

phrase

support you

come out
of the
closet

phrase

to state openly or publicly one's homosexuality

Supplementary Vocabulary

endless

Adjective

having or seeming to have no end

significant

Adjective

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