

Free Talk with Topic III

Lesson 60





End

*end: the final part of something such as a period of time, activity, or story

End

Give a speech with
the following words:

busy
students
exam
normal
patience

1

“When you graduate from college, they tell you to follow your dreams. Does anyone say you have to wake up first?”

— Bill Cosby

End

Give a speech with
the following words:

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Possible answer:

It seems that each year I am so busy trying to enter grades that I never have enough time to say a proper goodbye to my students, most of whom I adore. We are entering the end-season now and my friends and family will tell you that I am behaving more like my normal self again. I am sitting at the table for meals. I am able to truly listen to my own children and exhibit more patience than I have since October. I smile at my colleagues. Basically, I feel like some kind of professional butterfly emerging from a cocoon of data assessment, evaluations, club sponsorship, instruction, exam giving and grading.

End

**Give a speech with
the following words:**

new year

joy

loss

older

wiser

2

“It's better to burn out than to fade away.”

— Neil Young

End

**Give a speech with
the following words:**

new year

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2

Possible answer:

I'm all about starting a new year fresh, making a few goals, finding that one special word, or whatever helps you clean out the cobwebs from the corners. But all that stuff is much more meaningful when you look behind you at the bends in your road. Honor the past year by celebrating your joys, mourning your losses, and shaking your head at the wonder of it all. Isn't it amazing another year has passed? And so the earth goes round and round, about to orbit once more. Whether you're headed to a party or headed to the living room with a bowl of popcorn, New Year's Eve is a great day for reflection. A whole year has passed since the last one. You're a year older. Are you a year wiser?

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End

**Give a speech with
the following words:**

ready

hard

pain

goodbye

slowly

3

“You get use to someone—start to like them, even—and they leave. In the end, everyone leaves.”

— Rachel Ward, Numbers

End

Give a speech with
the following words:

ready

hard

pain

goodbye

slowly

3

Possible answer:

Endings are hard. Sometimes, we are not ready. A while back a friend and I told each other that we had to let each other go because our friendship was causing me pain. Although he did not feel the same way I did, he cared. We stood on the phone for hours and hours without saying a word, I held my tears back, and he couldn't come up with right words to say. We decided that saying goodbye was much too harsh for us to do, we told each other that we will keep in touch and suddenly that agony I was feeling for days slowly went away. I knew we wouldn't speak much after that but we kept our distance and we'd text each other from time to time.

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Selective Questions:

(*If all the 3 speeches above have been given already, you can choose to discuss the following questions.)

1. When do you call it the end of a process, stage, or connection? (hints: result, decision)
2. Will you feel sad at the end of a year?
3. Why do people like stories with happy endings?
4. What is the best way to say goodbye? Give examples.
5. What did you do for the past 5 years? Do you have any regrets?

