

We will again refer to the cheating dataset. When I load the dataset, I notice that there is a variable named *level*:

codebook level

The variable tells us whether the observations belongs to a student who is a freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior. In the university where I teach, we usually refer to this as year, and not level. Therefore, I may decide to rename this variable from level to year. To do that we can use the command **rename**. Display the help file of this command by executing the following:

help rename

We see that the syntax of the variable is **rename old_name new_name**, so we execute the following command:

rename level year

If we look at the variable names in the right-hand side, we see that the name of the variable has changed. If we wanted to save this change we would run the **save, replace** command. I don't really want to save this change. I actually don't want to save any of the changes that we will be doing to the dataset in this section since the only purpose of this section is to show you how to modify a dataset. Since I don't want any of the changes to be saved, it would be better to clear the data:

clear all