be helpful in the long run42. It's essential for those seeking personal growth. How can you expect to become a better you if you're content⁴³ doing the same thing over and over again?

Prepare to Plunge

So we know why leaving your comfort zone is worth it. But how can you actually convince yourself to44 take on those terrifying responsibilities45 that you've always shirked before? First, you have to look in the mirror and be honest with yourself. Why did you turn down47 that new project, or avoid that networking event? Were you really too busy, or were you just unwilling49 to do something that seemed a tadso risky? If fear is motivating you to avoid certain things, make sure you're aware ofs1 that. Don't make ups2 excuses53 just to make yourself feel better. You'll never overcomes inaction55 if you're constantly justifying56 it.

Next, find a way to turn new challenges into 57 more manageable 58 situations that suits your skills. Maybe you loathe public speaking, but you're perfectly comfortable talking in smaller groups. Find opportunities to converse[™] in smaller circles, maybe in the hallway during a large gathering62. Some people don't want to step up to the plate63 as a leader but enjoy healthy competition64. They can find lowstakes activities, like team-building exercises, where they can briefly act as leaders and then go about their days. Don't view all scary tasks as monoliths that must be

- 42 in the long run in ða log ran na dluzsza mete
- 43 content doing sth kən'tent 'du:in 'sʌmθɪn zadowolony z robienia czegoś
- 44 to convince sb to do sth to ken'vins 'sambadi ta du 'sʌmθɪŋ przekonać kogoś do zrobienia czegoś
- 45 responsibility ri,sponsə'biliti obowiązek
- 46 to shirk sth tə [s:k 'sʌmðɪŋ uchylać się od czegoś
- 47 to turn sth down to ta:n 'sʌmθɪŋ daʊn odmówić czegoś, odrzucić coś

conquered - you can make all kinds of tasks more digestible71 and suitable72 to you.

Once you've done this, you're ready to finally take the plungers. Push yourself to leave your comfort zone, but take baby steps¹⁴. For example, if you abhor giving presentations, signing up to speak at a major conference might be biting off more than you can chew75.

- 48 networking 'netwa:ktŋ nawiązywanie kontaktów (np. biznesowych)
- 49 unwilling An'wilin niechetny
- 50 a tad X ə 'tæd odrobine, nieco (pot.)
- ⁵¹ aware of sth əˈweə(r) əv ˈsʌmθɪŋ świadomy czegoś
- ⁵² to make sth up tə meik 'sʌmθiŋ ʌp tu: wymyślać coś, wynajdywać coś
- 53 excuses ik'skjuiziz wymówki
- ⁵⁴ to overcome sth tu ,əσvəˈkʌm ˈsʌmθɪŋ pokonać coś, przezwycieżyć
- 55 inaction m'æk[n bezczynność
- ⁵⁶ to justify sth tə 'dʒʌstɪfaɪ 'sʌmθɪŋ uzasadnić coś, wytłumaczyć
- ⁵⁷ to turn sth into sth ta ta:n 'sʌmθɪŋ 'ɪntə 'sʌmθɪŋ zmienić coś w coś
- 58 manageable 'mæntdʒəbl wykonalny, realny
- ⁵⁹ to suit sth tə su:t 'sʌmθɪŋ pasować do czegoś
- 60 to loathe sth tə ləυð 'sʌmθɪŋ nienawidzić
- 61 to converse to kon'va:s rozmawiać
- 62 gathering 'gæðərin spotkanie
- 63 to step up to the plate to step Ap to 80 plent stanać na wysokości zadania
- 64 competition ,kompəˈtɪʃn rywal, konkurencja
- 65 low-stakes lau sterks o niskie stawki (np. gra), niezbyt ryzykowny
- 66 briefly 'britfli krótko
- 67 to go about one's day to gov o'bavt wanz der działać jak co dzień, spędzić dzień jak zwykle
- 68 monolith 'monəli@ monolit
- ⁶⁹ to conquer sth tə ˈkɒŋkə(r) ˈsʌmθɪŋ pokonać coś, przezwyciężyć; podbić coś, zawojować
- 70 all kinds of X o: l karndz av najróżniejsze X
- ⁷¹ digestible dar'dzestabl do strawienia, do spożycia; tu: dający sie ogarnać
- 72 suitable 'su:təbl odpowiedni
- 73 to take the plunge to teik õo plandz dać nura, zdecydować się na poważny krok
- ⁷⁴ to take baby steps to terk 'berbi steps posuwać się małymi krokami, robić małe kroczki, nie spieszyć
- 75 to bite off more than you can chew to bart of mo:(r) ðan ju kan tíu: porwać sie z motyka na słońce