

Turn over a new leaf

Idiom of the month

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1. Match (a - f) with (1 - 6) to find six bad habits.

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| a. Spending too | 1. bed too late |
| b. Eating | 2. much time online |
| c. Going to | 3. do household chores |
| d. Doing homework | 4. on unnecessary things |
| e. Forgetting to | 5. junk food |
| f. Wasting money | 6. at the last minute |

2a. Read

It's time to turn over a new leaf, Giulia.

What do you mean, Samuel?

I have to change my bad habits and become a better person.

You say that every January!

2b. Complete with the idiom of the month.

When people decide to _____ they decide to change themselves for the better.

January is a good time to turn over a new leaf. It's a new year, a new start.

What are you waiting for?

Now is your chance to be the best version of yourself.

3a. Read this notice.

Are you stressed about exams and homework?
Then, join our **Homework Club**.

We meet twice a week in the school library from
4:00-6:00p.m.

We will help you find a study method that works
for YOU.

Turn over a new leaf this year and become a
calm, organized and **SUCCESSFUL** student.

3b Would you go to this student club?

Why/ Why not. (Max. 100 words).

4. Oracy skills Debate the following motion:

Homework clubs are a waste of time.

Students have to turn over a new leaf on their own.

Team A: Argue in favour of this statement

Team B: Argue against this statement

Teacher's Notes

1. a2; b5; c1; d6; e3; f4
2. When people decide to turn over a new leaf they decide to change themselves for the better.
3. Sample answer: *I would go to this homework club because I need some advice on the best way to study. I get distracted when I'm studying at home so I think going to the school library would help me to focus. Also, I think it's nice to study with friends because you can help each other. The only problem is the time, it's too late.*
4. Review language for debates before you put students into teams. Consider nominating a chairperson to moderate the debate. Set a time limit.