

Student's Worksheet

Starting Afresh

Task 1. In the sentences below, underline the full expressions that include the word 'start'.

1. Jinny and I used to argue a lot, but we've finally decided to make a fresh start. We talked things over and now we're actually quite friendly with each other.
2. The event started off with a bang, with fireworks and everything, and then just kept getting better with every minute.
3. I've bought this new book I've been waiting for, and now I can't wait to get started on it right away.
4. I'm afraid the effects are not as good as we wanted; we'll have to start anew.
5. Have you heard? Jim's sister set up some kind of online business, and it got off to a flying start.
6. If you want to complete this course before Christmas, I think it's a good idea to start the ball rolling now.

Task 2. Work in pairs. Complete the gaps to make the expressions you underlined in Task 1.

1. to a start
2. to start with a
3. to started something
4. to start
5. to off to a start
6. to start the

Task 3. Work in pairs. Ask and answer the questions.

1. When was the last time you got off to a flying start? Describe the situation.
2. Do you like starting anew when you have already done something before? Why (not)?
3. What should you get started on but don't feel like it?
4. Are you the kind of person who usually starts the ball rolling before anyone else does? Why (not)?
5. Think of a film which you have seen that started off with a bang. What happened?
6. What would you advise if a friend asked you about the best way to make a fresh start with someone?

Task 4. Work in pairs. Discuss the quotations. Use the key expressions.

"Isn't it nice to think that tomorrow is a new day with no mistakes in it yet?"

L.M. Montgomery

"Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending."

Maria Robinson

"A year from now you will wish you had started today."

Karen Lamb

"The beginning is the most important part of the work."

Plato

"The secret to a rich life is to have more beginnings than endings."

David Weinbaum

"Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end."

Seneca