**ESL Fun Group - New Year New You**

* How do you celebrate the New Years? How do you usually ring in the New Year?
* Do you have any New Years tradition? (for before, during, and right after the New Year)
* Did you make any New Year’s Resolutions? If so what are they?
* What bad habits would you like to kick this year?
* What would you like to wipe the slate clean of this year?

New Year idioms

**To Ring in the New Year** - to celebrate the new year at midnight, December 31.

*I rang in the New Year by giving my wife and daughter a big* ***bear hug****.*

**To Kick a Habit** - to stop a (bad) habit, to quit doing something you often do but wish you could stop

*I want to kick my habit of eating so much junk food.*

**To Turn over a New Leaf** - To start over again with a new attitude or perspective. We say this when we want to change our habits and act in a better or more responsible way.

*I want my daughter to turn over a new leaf and start sleeping earlier. Ever since I bought her a new gaming computer she’s been playing ‘til the* ***wee small hours****.*

**To Start from Scratch** - To start from the very beginning, usually with nothing (e.g. starting a new project or task)

*I make curry from scratch. I never use prepared packages from the market.*

**Let Bygones be Bygones** - to start having a good relationship with someone again after something bad happened between you.

*I know we’ve had our differences in the past, but let’s start this new year right by letting bygones be bygones.*

**Water Under the Bridge** - refers to events or situations that are in the past and therefore are no \_longer important or of concern.

*I know he hurt me badly in the past, but that’s all water under the bridge now. I’m willing to let bygones be bygones.*

**Clean Slate** - An opportunity to start fresh despite past mistakes or problems.

*I want you to have a* ***fresh start*** *so I’m willing to wipe out all your outstanding debts - Let’s* ***wipe the slates clean****.*

New Years Resolution - by Camera Obscura

New year’s resolution - to write something of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

New year’s resolution - to write something would be fine

All I ever wanted was someone to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on

All I ever wanted was somewhere to call \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

You offer a friendship I can not reciprocate

So don’t beg me, in a garden, for it not to end this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I’ve been cool with you

I’ve been cool with you

I’ve been cool with you

The sooner you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it I will too

New year’s resolution - to kiss you like I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it

With cheeks the color of Rhubarb we’ll be fine

Everybody’s rushing around like they got a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I just want to be here with a friend of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

We decided to brave the elements of Spain

Because The Seven Year Itch was on telly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I’ve been cool with you

I’ve been cool with you

I’ve been cool with you

The sooner you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it I will too

I decided this pain was a landscape of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I decided to be only myself these days

I’ve been cool with you

I’ve been cool with you

I’ve been cool with you

The sooner you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it I will too

Stay now

I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that you would stay now

Stay now

You nearly went \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ now

New Years Resolution - by Camera Obscura

New year’s resolution - to write something of value

New year’s resolution - to write something would be fine

All I ever wanted was someone to rely on

All I ever wanted was somewhere to call home

You offer a friendship I can not reciprocate

So don’t beg me, in a garden, for it not to end this way

I’ve been cool with you

I’ve been cool with you

I’ve been cool with you

The sooner you admit it I will too

New year’s resolution - to kiss you like I mean it

With cheeks the color of Rhubarb we’ll be fine

Everybody’s rushing around like they got a meeting

I just want to be here with a friend of mine

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