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## Sayings Of Renewal Answer Key

1 - F. To change your behavior for the better

2 - G. To start all over again from the beginning

3 - I. To leave behind old ways and welcome something better

4 - C. To celebrate the beginning of the year

5 - A. To begin again without anything holding you back

6 - H. To notice that time passes quickly

7 - B. To begin something completely new or different

8 - E. To see hope or progress after a difficult time

9 - D. To move on and stop worrying about old mistakes

10 - J. To mark the beginning of something hopeful or fresh

### Example student reflection:

- *"Turn over a new leaf" means to improve myself or make better choices. For example, I plan to study harder this year and be more organized.*
- *"Time flies" means that time goes by quickly. The year felt short because so many exciting things happened.*

### Teacher's Guide

#### Implementation Tips:

- Begin by discussing what an **idiom** is: an expression that doesn't mean exactly what it says.
- After matching, discuss how idioms express hope, change, or motivation-common New Year themes.

#### Differentiation Strategies:

- **Grades 4-5:** Provide sentence starters ("This idiom means...") and display examples visually.
- **Grades 6-8:** Challenge students to find or create idioms from other cultures about new beginnings.
- **ELL Students:** Explain literal vs. figurative meanings with short, simple examples.