

Workshop 8: Turning Points**Reading 1 Project: Starting Over**
Good Advice

School can be hard for new students. What advice can you give for handling the tough times?

Project: Write a letter to a new student. Give the student some good advice about school.

Procedure**1. Brainstorm ideas.**

What do you think are the hardest parts of going to school?

- Dealing with peer pressure?
- Coping with mean kids?
- Making friends?
- Doing all the homework?

Pick the ideas you'd like to write about.

2. Take notes.

Before you write your letter, take a few minutes to make some notes.

For example, if you want to discuss how to deal with peer pressure, write about an experience you had and how you got through it. This draft is just for you—no one else is going to see it. So write whatever you want.

3. Write the real letter.

Read your rough draft, and decide what you'd like to use from your draft in the real letter. On a new piece of paper, start your letter. You might begin like this:

Dear New Student,
Welcome to our school. I'd like to offer you some advice
about _____ .