

Unit 1 Language summary

Nouns

Animals

cat dog pet

Places in cities

club
subway
vintage store

Categories of people

animal lover
fan (football fan)
listener
talker
stranger

Free time

social life
weekend activity

Talking about school

full-time (student)
part-time (student)

Punctuation

capital letter
comma (,)
period (.)
question mark (?)
quotation marks (“ ”)

Other nouns

appearance
cartoons
cold weather
documentaries
health
home
laptop
lifestyle
(the) news
pro(fessional) football
salary
software company
sweatshirt
talk shows

Indefinite pronouns

anyone anything new

Pronoun

both (We both eat out.)

Adjectives

allergic to
chilly
nervous
odd
purple
talkative
turquoise

Verbs

can can't

do, be, have: simple present

do: do don't does doesn't
be: am are aren't is isn't
have: has have

Free-time activities

eat out
go to a club
play sports
make (new) friends
meet someone new
sleep late

Other verb expressions

avoid (a topic of conversation)
have time
improve
live alone
live with

Location expressions

near here
nearby

Time expressions

all day
on (the) weekends

Showing you're similar

I'm broke. I am too.
I'm not an animal lover. I'm not either.
I watch pro football. I do too.
I don't watch much television. I don't either.
I can shop for hours! I can too.
I can't afford anything new. I can't either.
Me either. Me neither. Me too.

Getting to know people

Are you named after someone?
Do you have a nickname? Yes. People call me (Jimmy).
Do you have any brothers or sisters?
I'm an only child. I'm one of six children.
What do you do for a living?
What do you do for fun?
What's your major? We're English majors.
Do you make friends online?
Are you a friend of (Sally's)?
I'm allergic to (dogs and cats).
He goes to the same college as me.
What . . . like?
Where . . . from?

Showing surprise or interest

Boy!
Oh, really?
You do?

Managing a conversation

But that's about it.
By the way, . . .
But actually, . . .

Talking about likes and dislikes

I kind of like . . .
Are you a big hip-hop fan?
I'm not a morning person.
I'm not a sports fan.
I can't stand . . .

Getting to places

How . . . ?
How long does it take? It takes an hour.
How do you get to work or class?

Starting a conversation

Do you come here a lot? Yeah I do, actually.
Gosh, the music really is loud, huh?
I don't really know anyone here. Do you?
Is it me, or is it really hot in here?
Boy, there are a lot of people out here tonight.
Yeah, it gets pretty crowded on weekends.
Ooh, it's cold tonight! Yeah it is.
The elevator is really slow.
It's windy today.

Other conversational expressions

Too bad I can't afford anything new.

Unit 2 Language summary

Nouns

Hobbies and free time

baseball memorabilia
board game
cooking
knitting
photography

Sports

bike (bicycle)
golf
hiking
martial arts
skiing

Games

crosswords
Sudoku

Professions

musician

Music

classical (music)
concert
country (music)
folk (music)
hip-hop
jazz
Latin (music)
pop (music)
rap
rock (music)
lead singer

Internet language

message board
online forum
website

Other nouns

fashion
skill
stuff
talent show

Object pronouns

her him it
me them us you

Indefinite pronouns

anything
sometime
everybody
everyone
no one
nobody

Adjectives

artistic
excited about (writing)
good at (a hobby)
good with (my hands)
local

Verbs

Hobbies and free time

collect (teddy bears)
cycle
do photography
draw
edit (photos)
enter a competition
make jewelry
paint
play chess
play in a jazz band
play the piano
play the saxophone
whistle
write poetry
do new stuff
enjoy (doing something)
join (a class)
play around with
show (something) to (someone)
sound like

Internet language

have a blog
have your own website
post comments
read (magazines) online

Money and finance

make money on

Sports and exercise

jog
ride a horse
work out

Food and eating

bake (a cake)
cook

Other verbs

hear
recommend
think (of)

Adverbs

also
especially
regularly

Conjunctions

and
because
but
or

Prepositions

about (I'm sure about it.)
on (on TV)

Talking about hobbies and free time

I'm good at (drawing people).
I'm not interested in (skiing).
Are you into (photography)?
What kind of (music) do you like?

Likes

I love / like (swimming).
I love / like to (swim).
I prefer (watching TV).
I prefer to (watch TV).
I'd like to (play jazz).
I enjoy writing.

Dislikes

I hate (working out).
I hate to (work out).
I'm not really into (photography).

Asking for opinions and suggestions

Any ideas?
What do you think of . . . ? What else . . . ?

Saying no in a friendly way

I don't really have much time (for hobbies).
Can you swim? No, but (my sister can).
Do you do any photography? No, not really.
Are you good at . . . ? Not really. I'm not very . . .
Can you (sing)? Not very well.
Do you have any hobbies? Um, no. Not really.

Identifying people

Who's the guy singing with her? That's me.

Other conversational expressions

I'd really like to take a look sometime.
Stop by (my desk) later.

Unit 3 Language summary

Nouns

Food and eating

balanced diet
diet drink
fast food
honey
junk food
vinegar

Health

medicine
meditation
relaxation technique

Sleeping

alarm clock
dream
eye mask
nightmare
sleep

School and learning

school reunion
semester

Work

regular job

Verbs

Illnesses

cough
sneeze
get / have a (terrible) cold
get / have a headache
get / have a sore throat
get / have a stomachache
get / have the flu
get sick
have a bad cough
have a fever
have a toothache
have an allergy / allergies
have an upset stomach

Talking about health

feel awful
feel better
feel run down
feel sick
feel terrible
feel stressed
gargle salt water
get a checkup
go to the hospital
suck on a cough drop
take medicine

More verbs

Sleeping

fall asleep
have a vivid dream
snore
take a nap
talk in your sleep
wake up

Food and health

cope with (stress)
eat red meat
lose weight

Sports and exercise

do karate
get in shape
go running
go to the gym
stay in shape
stretch

Routine activities

study for an exam
take a class
take a vacation
take medicine
take regular breaks

Frequency expressions

generally
every other day
once a (year)
once in a while
six days a week
seven hours a night

Time expressions

for a couple of months
in between (in between
swimming and going to
the gym)
long hours

Conjunctions

if
when

Talking about illnesses and health

Are you taking anything for your cold?
How are you feeling?
What's the matter?
I hope you feel better.
My eyes itch.
I never (get colds).
I don't feel that bad.
I still have this (cold).
I'm (so) tired.
I sleep at least seven hours a night.

Food and health

I eat plenty of (fruit and vegetables).
I'm trying to lose weight.

Talking about exercise

I'm not getting any exercise at all.
I walk everywhere I go.

Showing surprise

Gosh.
Are you serious?
No! / No way!
Oh! / Oh, my gosh!
Oh, wow!
Really?
You're kidding!

Showing you're interested

I'm so tired. Really? How come?
That's good.
You do?

Other conversational expressions

I'm just lucky.
To be honest, . . .

Unit 4 Language summary

Nouns

Celebrations

birth of a baby
birthday
engagement
family reunion
festival
fiesta
graduation
graduation day
parade
retirement
wedding
wedding anniversary
wedding ceremony
wedding reception
wedding day
Halloween
Mother's Day
New Year's Eve
Valentine's Day

Other nouns

lawyer
makeup
outfit

Free time

cultural event
dancing
spring break
traditional music
vacation

People at a wedding

bride
groom
old friend
relative

Months of the year

January	July
February	August
March	September
April	October
May	November
June	December

Verbs

Celebrations

blow out (candles)
celebrate
exchange rings
get dressed up
get married
go out for a romantic dinner
go to see fireworks
go trick-or-treating
send a card
sing "Happy Birthday"
wear a cap and gown
wear a costume

School and learning

graduate from (law school)
get a degree / diploma

Telephone language

call (someone) back
spend time (on the phone)

Other verbs

be careful
give
promise

Adjectives

cute
expensive
silver

Time expressions

Then . . .
in (May)
on (May 10th)
on (the 10th of May)

Indefinite pronouns

nothing
something nice
something special

Adverb

probably

Days of the month

1st first	8th eighth	14th fourteenth	20th twentieth	26th twenty-sixth
2nd second	9th ninth	15th fifteenth	21st twenty-first	27th twenty-seventh
3rd third	10th tenth	16th sixteenth	22nd twenty-second	28th twenty-eighth
4th fourth	11th eleventh	17th seventeenth	23rd twenty-third	29th twenty-ninth
5th fifth	12th twelfth	18th eighteenth	24th twenty-fourth	30th thirtieth
6th sixth	13th thirteenth	19th nineteenth	25th twenty-fifth	31st thirty-first
7th seventh				

Vague language

and everything
and things / stuff like that
You can get all kinds of (tacos) and things.
I don't know.
I'm not sure.
It depends.
Maybe.

Talking about the future

What are you going to (do tonight)?
What are you doing (for New Year's Eve)?
I'm not going to do anything special.
She's going to be 50.
It's going to (snow).
It's going to be fun.

Talking about time and dates

My birthday's in May.
My birthday's on May 10th.
My birthday's on the 10th of May.

Writing personal notes

Dear (name),
All the best, (name)
Best regards, (name)
Best wishes, (name)
Love, (name)
Regards, (name)
See you.
Take care.

Telephone language

Hi. This is Laurie.
Thanks for calling.
Please leave a message after the beep.

Other conversational expressions

You mean, (I do).
You mean, (in costumes)?
What is it exactly?

Unit 5 Language summary

Nouns

School subjects / classes

algebra
art
band
biology
calculus
chemistry
choir
computer studies
drama
economics
geography
geometry
gymnastics
history
literature
mathematics
orchestra
physical education (P.E.)
physics

Other nouns

childhood
close friend
comic book
motorcycle
ninth grade
sledding
stuffed animal

Talking about the past

Where were you born?

I was born in (São Paulo).

Where (were your parents) born?

They were born in . . .

Did you live there for a long time?

Yes, I did. / No, I didn't.

How long did you live there?

I lived there for six years.

His main regret is that . . .

Quantity expressions

a few (students)
a few of (the students)
a few of them / us
all (children)
all of (the children)
all of them / us
most (people)
most of (the people)
most of them / us
no (students)
none of (the students)
none of them / us
some (students)
some of (the students)
some of them / us

Adjectives

bilingual
foreign (language)
required (English was required.)
useful

Verbs

Past of be

was wasn't
were weren't

Experiences

get along with (someone)
get into trouble
have memories
move to another city / country

School and learning

take (Spanish)
drop a course
quit (school)
get into a university
take evening classes
major in (biology)

Free time

play checkers
play softball

Time expressions

in 2009
for a long time
for (ten) years
from (1994) to (2011)
three years ago
until (2011)
until (I was six)

Years

1906 (nineteen oh-six)
1988 (nineteen eighty-eight)
2007 (two thousand [and] seven)
2015 (twenty fifteen)

Prepositions

apart from
except for

Correcting things you say

Actually, no, . . .

I mean, (. . . the teacher, I mean, the bus driver)

No, wait. . .

Well, . . .

Well, actually, . . .

Showing you're interested

Huh.

Unit 6 Language summary

Nouns

Places in cities

aquarium
ATM
bank
cash machine
gas station
museum
parking garage
parking lot
public restroom
stadium

Stores

convenience store
deli (delicatessen)
department store
drugstore
electronics store
furniture store
jewelry store
shoe store

Asking for directions

Can you tell me how to get to . . . ?
Excuse me, could you give me directions to . . . ?
Can you . . . ? / Could you . . . ?
Can you help me?
Could you give me directions to . . . ?
Is it far from here?
Is it within walking distance?

Giving directions

Continue east on . . .
Go down the street about a block.
Go straight ahead.
Go to the end of the next block.
Make a right.
Turn right.
Walk back to . . .
Walk north for . . .
It's right up this street.
The entrance (to the building) is on Lincoln Street.
It's on the left.
It's right there.
You can't miss it.
It's just past (the post office).
Well, let me think . . .

Talking about travel

airport
cab company
ferry terminal
map
sight

Other nouns

electronics
Wi-Fi

Verbs

Giving directions

continue (east) on
give directions
go down (the street)
make a right / a left
turn right / left
walk back (to)
walk (north)

Adverbs

east west
north south

Location expressions

behind
between
in front of
next to
outside (the bank)
on (Main Street)
on the corner of (Main and First)
around here
near here
inside
across (the street) from
opposite

Asking for and giving information

Is there a place to (go skateboarding) near here?
Is there a (bank) around here?
No, there isn't. / No, there isn't one.
Yes, there is. There's one on (Main Street).
Are there any (cash machines) around here?
No, there aren't. / No, there aren't any.
Yes, there are. There are some (over there).
The tour begins at . . .
Could you recommend . . . ?

Checking information

Did you say . . . ?
What did you say?
Fifteen or fifty?
Excuse me?
I'm sorry?
I'm sorry, it's what? / where? / how much?
Excuse me? It opens at what time? / Did you say . . . ?

Offering help

Are you lost?
Can I help you?
What can I do?
How can I help?

Talking about places

It's easy to get around.
It's great for shopping.
There's a lot of nightlife.
There's a lot to see.

Unit 7 Language summary

Nouns

Travel

camping trip
cheap flight
exchange program
passport
suitcase
tourist
trip
schedule
visa

Personal items to pack for a trip

bathing suit	(a pair of) sandals
brush	(a pair of) scissors
credit card	shampoo
hair dryer	soap
hat	sunglasses
headphones	sunscreen
jacket	toiletries
makeup	toothbrush
(a pair of) pajamas	toothpaste
razor	towel

Other things to pack

first-aid kit
flashlight
guidebook
phrase book

Suggestions and advice

Don't forget to . . .
It's good to . . .
It's a good idea to . . .
It's hard to . . .
It's important to . . .
It's necessary to . . .
It's easy to . . .
It's nice to . . .
Maybe you should (just) . . .
We could . . .
Why don't you . . . ?
You need to . . .
You should probably . . .
Take (a flashlight).
Do you want to (pack some other shoes)?
I really recommend . . .

Responding to suggestions you like

Definitely.
I'd love to.
That's a great idea.
That sounds like fun.

insect repellent
sleeping bag
(spare) batteries
tent

Verbs

should
shouldn't

Travel

change money
do some research
drive along the coast
find a bargain
get a visa
go online to find a flight
pack some shoes
pay for a taxi
pay with a credit card
stay overnight
go backpacking
go sightseeing
go snorkeling
go to an exhibition

Other verbs

quit your job
take a few days off

Responding to suggestions you don't like

I guess we could, but . . .
I'd like to, but . . .
I don't know. Maybe.

Other conversational expressions

It's miles from (another town).
I can't hear you with my headphones on.
We're going someplace to . . .
It's (easy) to do.

Writing personal notes

I'm having a (great) time here in . . .
I'm attaching a photo.
See you next week!
See you soon!

Unit 8 Language summary

Nouns

Personal items

(tablet) cover
old clothes
sports equipment
tablet (computer)

Places at home

bathroom
bedroom
closet
kitchen
living room

Things at home

bathtub
box
carpet
curtain
cushion
dishwasher
faucet
(picture) frame
microwave (oven)
mirror
oven
rug
sink
stove
toilet

Furniture

armchair
cabinet
coffee table

drawer
dresser
end table
lamp
nightstand
shelf / shelves
(antique) table

Other nouns

music files
opinion
speakers

Adjectives

cotton
large
leather
medium
metal
plastic
rectangular
round
small
silk
wooden
wool

Determiners

Possessive

my
your
his (It's his book.)
her
our
their

Verbs

Food and eating

chop (onions)
help with the dishes
set the table
turn on the oven

Other verbs

borrow
charge my phone
give (old clothes) to charity
hang clothes (in the closet)
install software

Location expressions

by (= next to)
in the closet / a drawer
on the floor / a shelf
on top of the dresser

Pronouns

Possessive

mine
yours
his (The book is his.)
hers
ours
theirs

the one / ones

the (red) one
the (silver) ones
the one (on the right)
the ones (in the middle)

Words for sequencing and linking

To show a sequence

first
next
then
after (the news)
before (dinner)
during (dinner)

To link actions

after (we watch the news)
as soon as (I get home)
before (we go to bed)
while (I'm eating)

Making requests and agreeing to requests

Can I borrow yours?

Yes. / Sure. / Go (right) ahead.

Could you chop the onions?

No problem. / OK.

Do you mind if I (sit here)?

No, not at all. / No. Go (right) ahead.

Would you mind (helping me)?

No, not at all. / Oh, no. No problem.

I'm happy to help.

I hate to ask this, but would you mind . . . ?

Inviting and welcoming

Come on in.

Make yourself at home.

Can I take your coat?

Identifying things

Whose (bathing suit) is this?

Which one / ones (do you like)?

Conversational language

There's so much stuff in here!

I guess they're not so bad.

Look at these awful (earrings)!

She has such weird taste.

Are the others here yet?

I'm running a bit late.

Unit 9 Language summary

Nouns

Parts of the body

ankle
back
chest
elbow
eye
face
finger
foot
hand
head
hip
knee
leg
neck
nose
shoulder
thumb
toe
wrist

Pronouns

Reflexive

myself
yourself
herself
himself
ourselves
yourselves
themselves

Adjectives

bloody
embarrassed
embarrassing

Verbs

Events and accidents

be late for (a meeting)
break (something)
damage (something)
delete (music files)
drop (something)
fall (into something)
have a car accident
forget (something)
lose (something)
spill (coffee)

Injuries

break your arm
burn yourself
cut your finger
get a black eye
hurt your back
hurt yourself
sprain your ankle

Other

crash (My computer crashed.)
download
end a call
pay attention
realize

Adverb

accidentally

Time expressions

a couple of days ago
at the time
one time
recently

Preposition

by (myself)

Telling a story

I was making Thai curry one time . . .
I was going to work, and I was talking to this woman . . .
I wasn't paying attention, and I missed my stop.
We weren't looking, and we walked into a door.
My friend and I were at a barbecue last week . . .
I was (driving) when something went wrong.

Reacting to a story

What happened?
How did it happen?
What were you doing when . . . ?
How embarrassing!
I bet no one even noticed.
I bet he was upset.
Oh, I bet.
Oh, no!
Thank goodness.
That was lucky.
That's awful.
That's hilarious.

Feelings

I freaked!
I was so embarrassed!
I was upset.

Vague language

Yeah. I guess.
I sort of had an accident.
That's kind of dangerous.

Managing a conversation

How about yourself?

Unit 10 Language summary

Nouns

Types of communication

an e-card
instant messaging (IM)
regular mail
a social network / social networking
a text (message) / texting
a video call / video calling
a video conference / video conferencing

Other nouns

charger
inbox
punctuation
spam
voice mail

Verbs

interrupt
keep in touch with
return a call
text
video call

Telephone language

This is Nathan.
Could I speak to Angela, please?
I was just calling to (ask) . . .
Angela is on the phone.
Please leave a message.
Call me later, OK?
Call me back (at the office / on my cell).
Hold on. I have another call.
I can't hear you. You're breaking up.
It's hard to get ahold of you.
Oh, I'm sorry. I think I have the wrong number.
We got cut off.
Can I call you back?

Interrupting a conversation

Just a minute / second.
Excuse me just a second.
Hold on (a second).
Can / Could you hold on (a second)?

Adverbs

by mistake
just
suddenly

Adjectives

Descriptions

annoying
bad
convenient
hard
personal
reliable
slow

Comparisons

better (than)
bigger (than)
easier (than)
less (expensive) than . . .
more (fun) than . . .
more (interesting) than . . .
worse (than)

Restarting a conversation

What were we talking about?
What were you saying?
Where were we?
You were saying?

Negative description

There's nothing worse than . . .

Showing surprise

Are you kidding?
Of course.
Finally!
Guess what!

Writing formally

However, . . .
In my opinion, . . .
On the other hand, . . .

Unit 11 Language summary

Nouns

Appearance

beard
goatee
mustache

Usually plural

braces
freckles
long fingernails
pierced ears

Types of hair

blond hair
curly hair
dark hair
long hair
short hair

Clothes

Usually plural

accessories
baggy pants
cargo pants
skinny jeans

Categories of people

twins
twin sister / brother
identical twins
model

Describing appearance

Do you look alike?
No, we look totally different.
He's got (blond hair).
I've got (curly hair).
She's six foot three.
What does (your sister) look like?

Identifying people

He's the one in (the yellow pants / yellow pants).
She's the woman standing (by the table).
The one with the glasses.
Which one is (your roommate)?
Who's the guy (talking to your sister)?

Adjectives

Appearance

bald
heavy
muscular
short
skinny
tall
thin
tiny

Fashion

fashionable
trendy

Verbs

Describing appearance

have a beard / mustache / goatee
have a shaved head
have freckles (on your nose)
have pierced ears / long fingernails
have blond / dark / long / short hair
look alike
look like (someone)
take after (your mother)
wear / have a ponytail
wear a wig
wear braces / glasses
wear braids
wear your hair in cornrows

Talking about fashion

What clothes are in fashion?
Spiked hair is in style.
Big glasses are out of style.
Flared jeans are dated.
Suits are old-fashioned.
Braids are popular.
It's the "in" thing.
Short hair is "in."
Long hair is "out."

Remembering a word or name / Checking information

Oh, I know. You mean . . .
You mean (cargo pants).
Do you mean . . . ?
What do you call it / them?
What do you call that . . . / those . . . ?

Unit 12 Language summary

Nouns

Professions

architect
assistant
business executive
carpenter
computer specialist
consultant
dentist
electrician
firefighter
interior designer
journalist
letter carrier
librarian
nurse
paramedic
plumber
police officer
receptionist
sales representative
veterinarian

Other nouns

beach umbrella
goggles
GPS
master's degree
office
sandwich
speeding ticket

Talking about the future

Possible plans

Maybe we'll (move to Arizona).
Both of us will probably (take some time off).
If I (get good grades), I'll / I may / I might . . .
I may (go on for a master's degree).
I might (look for a better job).
I think I'll (look for a job).
I guess I'll (look for a job).

Facts and predictions

I'll be 65 in June.
The baby will keep us busy.
It won't be easy to find a job.
I probably won't get a promotion.
It'll be expensive.
I might not be able to afford it.

Verbs

will
won't
may
might

Talking about work

ask for a promotion
earn (a lot of) money
go away for vacation
have a rewarding job
look for a (better) job
retire

Other verbs

choose
find your own place
have a baby
remind (someone) to (do something)
run out of (gas)
study for a degree / certificate

Words for sequencing

First, . . .
Second, . . .
Next, . . .
Finally, . . .

Making and agreeing to a request

Can you give me a ride?
Could you help me (choose a tablet)?
Do you want me to drive?
Remind me to bring my beach umbrella.
All right. / OK.

Asking for and making a promise

Will you remember to bring your GPS?
All right, I will.
I won't (forget the drinks).

Offering help

I'll (bring some salad and stuff).
I'll (get some steaks), if you like.

Other conversational expressions

That's for sure.
My computer has a virus.
I can't afford another speeding ticket.
I'm really looking forward to (the barbecue).