

UNIT 7 LANGUAGE SUMMARY

Nouns

Music

classical
country
EDM
folk
heavy metal
hip-hop
jazz
pop
reggae
rock

TV shows and movies

animated movie
comedy
documentary
drama
game show
horror
musical
reality show
romantic comedy
science fiction
soap opera
talk show
thriller

Insider English

thanks to + something or someone

Glossary

dramatic

Discussing your changing tastes in music

What did you use to listen to then?

I used to like country music.

I didn't use to buy much music.

Talking about TV shows and movies

Many viewers think that personal devices are as good as TVs.

Nothing is as much fun as watching reality shows with your friends.

Watching a horror movie at home isn't as frightening as watching it in a dark theater.

Do you like watching on your device as much as watching on a big screen?

Refusing invitations

Maybe after that. / Maybe later.

I'd love to, but ...

But thanks for asking.

I'm sorry. Unfortunately, ...

Responding to a refusal

Oh, that's too bad.

I understand.

Let me know if your plans change.

Let me know if you change your mind.

Softening comments

Are you free on Saturday?

I'm sorry. Unfortunately, I'm going to be kind of busy all weekend.

Useful phrases

I used to like ..., but now I don't like it so much.

I've always liked ...

My favorite ... is/was ...

I think everyone / most people / some people ...

I don't think many people / anyone ...

I think this is true.

I disagree.

I think this is partly true.

I agree that ..., but I disagree that ...

UNIT 8 LANGUAGE SUMMARY

Nouns

Describing experiences

achievement
challenge
change
chore
job
opportunity
process
project
success

Verbs

Describing progress

concentrate on something
do your best
get nowhere
have a chance to do something
have problems with something
have time to do something
have trouble with something
make good progress
save (a lot of) time
spend (a lot of) time doing something
take it easy
waste (a lot of) time

Insider English

It's worth it.
It'll be worth it.

Talking about what you've been doing

What have you been doing?
I've been painting pictures of nature.
I haven't been going out at all.
Have you been going out?
Yes, I have. / No, I haven't.

Talking about progress

I've been making good progress.
I've been getting nowhere.
I've been having problems with that.
I've been having trouble with that.
I haven't had time to do that.
I haven't had a chance to do that.
I've been doing my best.
I've been taking it easy.
I've been spending a lot of time doing that.
I've been concentrating on that.
I've wasted a lot of time.
I've saved a lot of time.

Saying how long it's been

It's been a long time.
I haven't seen you since last spring / for a long time.

Asking about someone's news

What have you been up to?
What have you been doing?
What's going on with him?
How have you been?

Answering

The same as usual.
I've been (really) busy.
Not much.

Using *that would be* to comment on something

Why don't we go and have lunch together? I know a great Chinese restaurant.
Really? That would be great! I love Chinese food.

Useful phrases

... makes me happy.
I enjoy ...
I don't really like ...
I'm not interested in ...
I've been spending a lot of time ...
I haven't had (much) time to ...
I want to spend more/less time ...
You could ... Or you could ...
What about ...ing ...?