

UNIT 9 LANGUAGE SUMMARY

Nouns

Places

arts center
boardwalk
city hall
construction site
consulate
courthouse
highway rest stop
laboratory
playground
public space
residential area
toll plaza

Talking about rules in different places

You may not skateboard here.
You aren't allowed to wear a hoodie.
You aren't supposed to bring your pets inside.
You are allowed to bring in your guide dog.
You may request an interpreter.
The cameras should be able to see you.
You're required to wear a hard hat.
You're supposed to ring the bell for service.
No one is allowed to chew gum in the study area.

Talking about rules in the past

Carriages were allowed to circulate freely before 1903.
Eno's rules said that drivers had to drive on the right.
They were not allowed to stop in the middle of the street.
Pedestrians were required to cross at the crosswalk.
You couldn't drink soda on Sundays.
All men were required to grow beards.
School teachers weren't allowed to get married.

Word families

Rules

ban / ban
control / control
limit / limit
oblige / obligation
permit / permission
prohibit / prohibition
register / registration
require / requirement

Making generalizations

Generally speaking, ...
People (don't) tend to ...
We generally ...
On average, ...
On the whole, ...

Contrasting information

We don't (tip) nearly as much as that.
Really? We don't do that where I come from.
We don't do it that way in my country.
We do things differently back home.
We handle (tipping) differently where I come from.
That's not how we do / say it in (Portuguese).

Insider English

I (don't) get it.

Glossary

license plate

Writing a message on a company's website

Fortunately / Luckily, your website ...
Disappointingly / Sadly / Unfortunately / Unluckily, there was no ...
Embarrassingly / Surprisingly, I had to ...
Happily / Amazingly, from then on, everything was wonderful.

Useful phrases

They might have problems ...
They may not be able to ...
They might not be allowed to ...
Local businesses could ...
Local authorities should ...
It'd be a good idea to ...
If there were enough space, they could ...
We discussed ...
We decided that ...
We suggest that ...

UNIT 10 LANGUAGE SUMMARY

Verb phrases

Discovery & Invention

carry out research
face a challenge
gain knowledge
make a breakthrough
make a connection
make a discovery
notice a phenomenon
provide insight
provide a solution

Talking about alternative outcomes

If the candy hadn't melted, he wouldn't have made the connection.
If farmers hadn't needed to dig a well, they wouldn't have found the statues.
If my friend hadn't moved to Berlin, I might not have ever gone to Germany.
If you had gone to Australia, what cities would you have visited?

Speculating about past events

He could have fixed the problem.
The referee shouldn't have allowed the goal.
England might have won the World Cup.
I shouldn't have posted that photo.
That might not have helped.
The dog could have jumped up on the table.

Verbs and verb phrases

Mistakes

blame
correct a mistake
fix a problem
get something right / wrong
make something right

Nouns

Mistakes

blunder
epic fail
error
fault
mistake
misunderstanding
mix-up

Keeping your listener engaged

But that's not all!
Wouldn't you know it?
You won't believe this, but ...
Well, you can imagine.
You know what?
Are you ready for this?
Isn't that amazing?

Showing interest in a story

Don't tell me you ... !
Let me guess – you ... !
That's so funny / strange / great / crazy / sweet!
You must be joking.
You can't be serious.

Insider English

Anyway

Writing about contrasts and similarities

Both your guests ...
He seemed interested, whereas she seemed bored.
I prefer the first one, even if it's not as nice as the second one.
Similarly, ...
Good inventions, by contrast, are ones that ...
Sure, they may ..., but they also ...

Useful phrases

The invention of ... was a turning point because ...
... changed history by ...
I think the most important invention was ...
If ... hadn't been discovered, we would(n't) ...
I think their invention was the most important because ...
... was a more important discovery than ... because ...