

UNIT 11 LANGUAGE SUMMARY

Nouns

College life

association
campus
degree
dorm
facilities
faculty
freshman
grades
major
professor
semester
society
undergraduate

Talking about college life

I'll never forget getting my acceptance letter.
Sometimes I even forget to eat!
I remember seeing the labs for the first time.
I have to remember to study, too!
I stopped socializing so much.
If you stop to think about it, that's an education all by itself.

Talking about folk remedies

Carrots help you see better at night.
Honey calms a cough and lets you sleep.
Cheese doesn't make people have nightmares.
Does eating bread crusts make your hair curl?
The full moon makes people go a little crazy.

Word families

Science

science / – / scientist / scientific / scientifically proven
research / research / researcher / – / research-based
proof / prove / – / proven / medically approved
base (or basis) / base / – / based (on facts) / science-based
medicine / – / – / medical / medically approved

Discussing alternatives and making suggestions

Asking for options

Do you have anything else?
Can you suggest an alternative?
I'm looking for something different.

Suggesting alternatives

You could also try ...
Another option would be ...
It's / They're a good alternative.

Discussing disadvantages

It might not be the best option.
I don't think they're a great choice for ...

Responding to suggestions

I like that option.
That looks like a good alternative.
That could work.

Giving a personal recommendation

This one's always worked well for me.
If I were you, I'd choose / pick / go with ...
I've always had luck with ...

Insider English

Snake oil

Glossary

extracurricular
embrace
automate
banter
buzz

Writing a comment and supporting your opinion

First of all, ...
Where I strongly disagree with the article is on the point of ...
More importantly, it could ...
It's also important to remember that ...
Additionally, ...
And finally, ...

Useful phrases

One argument for keeping it is ...
Another good argument might be ...
As an alternative, we could ...
We think it's really important to ...
We need to consider ...
Would you consider ... ?
The main arguments for/against it were ...
In the end, we agreed to ...
We couldn't come to an agreement because ...

UNIT 12 LANGUAGE SUMMARY

Adjectives

Senses

bright
colorful
damp
deep
flavorful
fresh
high-pitched
melodic
musty
rough
scented
smooth
stinky
tasty

Verbs

Memories

bring back
look back on
recall
recognize
remind of

Adjectives

Memories

childhood
clear
distant
early
long-term
recent
short-term
vague
vivid

Talking about special moments

What I remember most about my childhood is my pet dog, Milo.
The thing I like most was licking the tasty icing off my fingers.
The thing I really liked about my family's old car was the sunroof.
What I remember about that moment was the salty smell of the sea.

Talking about false memories

That reminds me of winter breaks, especially the one with Nolan.
Most people feel sure about the accuracy of their memories. I know I do.
Do you have a false memory? If so, send us an email.
When you recall a memory often, it becomes distorted.
That's why this only happens with distant memories.

Recalling and sharing past experiences

Prompting a response

Do you remember that time we ... ?
Don't tell me you don't remember that.

Recalling a memory

I don't recall (getting lost).
That time's a bit vague anyway.
Yeah, that rings a bell.
It's all coming back to me now.

Sharing experiences

That reminds me of a story. ...
I had a similar experience once. ...
That's like the time (that) ...
Has that ever happened to you?

Writing a summary and response

While this may be true, it doesn't mean that ...
Despite the fact that ... , it's not a good argument for why we should ...
... ; however, there are other ways to ...
Although this point is true, it's off the topic.

Useful phrases

What about when ... ?
Do you remember when ... ?
An event I'll never forget was ...
What I remember most about ... was ...
Really? I remember it as ...
The things we remember most about this event were ...
Oh! I know. It was when ...
But I remember it differently. The way I remember it, ...