

UNIT 9 LANGUAGE SUMMARY

Nouns and noun phrases

Luck and choice

chance encounter
coincidence
deliberate decision
determination
fate
life-changing experience
lucky break
path

Verbs

Luck and choice

be fortunate
be in the right place at the right time
(not) believe my luck
wind up

Commenting on mistakes

be a bad move
be a dumb thing to do
be a silly mistake
be incompetent (at)
be in too much of a hurry
be unfortunate
be your own fault
find yourself in an awkward situation
kick yourself
learn sth the hard way
not watch what you're doing
see the funny side of sth

Insider English

A I was really scared.
B I bet! OR I bet you were!
A She's so happy.
B I bet! OR I bet she is!

Talking about how your life might be different

If I could find her, I'd thank her.
If my brother hadn't broken my finger, I wouldn't be an X-ray technician today.
If you hadn't met that X-ray tech, you might have learned about radiology some other way.
If you were a banker now, you'd still be happy.

Talking about mistakes

I wish (that) I wasn't studying psychology.
I wish I could study art instead.
If only you'd been there to stop me!
If only I had a three-year-old brother.

Reassuring someone about a problem

Giving reassurance

You're not the only one who's done that.
We all make mistakes.
That's the way it goes.
What are you worrying about?
It's no use crying over spilled milk.
It's not that bad.
It could have been worse.
It'll turn out all right.
No one is perfect.

Writing an article giving tips

Using parallel structures when listing items

It's best to let someone finish their point before making a comment or asking a question.
Don't change the topic or start talking about yourself.
Watch a speaker's body language, such as eye contact, hand gestures, and posture.
Do they seem excited, angry, or worried?
It's best just to tell someone you understand or reassure them instead of telling them what you think.

Useful phrases

You were really fortunate!
It sounds like you were in the right place at the right time.
You're not the only one who ...
That's the way it goes.
Was it luck or a deliberate decision?

UNIT 10 LANGUAGE SUMMARY

Nouns

Describing characteristics

build
characteristic
feature
female
gender
individual
likeness
look
look-alike
male
match
similarity

Describing research

analysis
assessment
calculation
demonstration
examination
identification
survey

Verbs

Describing research

analyze
assess
calculate
demonstrate
examine
identify
survey

Insider English

lose track of time

Glossary

progression

Talking about people's characteristics

I wondered about the possibility of discovering a few of mine.
I was really interested in learning more.
I haven't succeeded in learning more about Michal.

Talking about customer research

It allows them to identify your needs.
... two different products to prevent insects from biting ...

Giving your impressions

I have a funny feeling (that) ...
I get the impression (that) ...
From what I can see, ...
I have a hunch (that) ...
Judging by the description, ...
My gut feeling is (that) ...
What strikes me (about ...) is (that) ...
As far as I can tell, ...

Writing a professional profile

Using professional language

Don't use slang (= very informal language).
Avoid words like *kind of*, *probably*, and *maybe*. Use language that makes you sound confident.
Don't be negative. Be positive and polite.

Useful phrases

I get the impression that ...
Judging by the people I know, ...
Judging by what I've heard, ...
As far as I can tell, ...
My assessment is (that) ...
This will allow first-time employees to ...
This will help them ...
This will enable them to ...