

UNIT 1 LANGUAGE SUMMARY

Adverbs

Using adverbs to add detail

comprehensively
demonstrably
dramatically
drastically
feasibly
gradually
increasingly
inevitably
markedly
potentially
progressively
radically
ultimately
undoubtedly
unquestionably

Nouns

Talking about developments in technology

artificial intelligence (AI)
beta version
chatbot
computer-generated speech
computer translation
facial recognition
image recognition
operating system (OS)
text to speech / speech to text
virtual assistant
voice activation
voice recognition
working prototype

Insider English

I've got your back.

Discussing the potential uses of robots in everyday life

MiRo will undoubtedly ease the burden on overstretched social services.

Home health care alternatives are inevitably going to become a necessity.

Social services will certainly not be able to offer human companionship for everyone.

Talking about developments in artificial intelligence

By the end of the next decade, chatbots will have replaced humans in call centers.

We'll be having conversations with computers and not even know it?

Acknowledging arguments and proposing counterarguments

I can see how that might be interesting, but ...

I understand what you're saying, but I still don't get it.

It's a valid point, ... but consider the other side.

You have a good point there.

I get where you're coming from, but ...

I hadn't really thought of it like that. I guess you're right.

I guess so, but I'm still not convinced.

You could look at it that way, but that doesn't mean ...

Writing an essay about AI in our homes

Exemplifying arguments

for instance,

just to name a few

namely

such as

take, for example,

Useful phrases

A robot could certainly ... as well as a person, but maybe not ...

Once ... , people won't ... anymore.

It's going to need to be able to ...

In order to ... , it'll need ...

We believe people will gradually ...

With better AI, our robot could feasibly ...

UNIT 2 LANGUAGE SUMMARY

Adjectives

Describing personality

accepting
aloof
antisocial
chatty
genuine
insensitive
narrow-minded
open-minded
rigid
self-centered
sincere
talkative

Verbs

Using three-word phrasal verbs

come down to
face up to
fall back on
fit in with
get through to
look down on
mess around with
put up with
run up against
stand up for

Insider English

makes me dizzy

Discussing assumptions, deductions, and predictions about behavior

Some people will share quiz results every single day!
But will we really learn more about ourselves from a quiz?
They will nearly always return positive results.
Now that you've read this article, will you continue to enjoy online quizzes?

Talking about assumptions related to age

Would you mind telling us that story you told me earlier?
I wouldn't accept it. I had to stand up for myself.
You'd think so.
She asked if I would leave the room.
In the early days, I would run up against attitudes like that a lot.

Comparing and discussing similar experiences

I hear you.
I can relate to that.
I know exactly what you mean!
Has that been the case for you?
That reminds me of the time (when) ...
That's just like the time (when) ...
I know how you feel.
Same here, ...
Tell me about it!
What a coincidence!

Writing a report based on graphs

Explaining data

As can be inferred / observed / seen ...
This depicts / highlights / points out / presents / shows the reasons for / causes of ...
This confirms / implies / indicates / leads us to conclude / reveals / suggests that ...

Useful phrases

Of the people I surveyed, 75% said ...
Only one in four respondents agreed that ...
The majority of our responses seem to point to ...
In general, the survey data indicates ...
However, it would appear that ...
It would be fair to conclude that labels ...