

Language summary

VOCABULARY

Nouns

accomplishment
advice
background
belief
entrepreneur
marriage
play-date
respect
roommate
sense of humor

Pronouns

herself
himself
someone
something

Adjectives

Personalities

direct
easygoing
egotistical
encouraging

friendly
helpful
inflexible
modest
outgoing
(un)predictable
(un)reliable
sensitive
serious
steady
stingy
stubborn
supportive
temperamental

Other

close (friend)
endless
ideal

Verbs

Modals

can
should
would

Other

accomplish
bother
brag
can't stand
find
get (angry/annoyed)
go out (with)
have (a sense of humor/in common/
fun [with])
hope
improve
keep (up with)
make (friends)
pursue
remove
suit
treat (someone to dinner)

Adverb

anytime

Preposition

during (a movie)

EXPRESSIONS

Expressing likes and dislikes

What kind of . . . do you like?
I like people who/that . . .
I'd like someone who/that . . .
I like/love (it when) . . .
I don't mind it when . . .
It makes me happy when . . .

Asking for more information

What else?
Complaining
I can't stand it when . . .
It annoys/bothers/upsets me when . . .
. . .
I hate it when . . .

Expressing agreement and disagreement

For me, . . .
I think . . .
I agree.
I'm not sure I agree.
I feel the same way.

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Nouns

Jobs/Occupations/Careers

(guidance) counselor
 (software) developer
 (marketing) director
 doctor
 entrepreneur
 environmentalist
 fashion designer
 firefighter
 flight attendant
 game tester
 hairstylist
 intern
 (freelance) journalist
 (project) manager
 mayor
 politician
 psychiatrist
 (news) reporter
 researcher
 stockbroker
 (kindergarten) teacher
 (computer) technician
 tour guide

tycoon
 veterinarian

Other

(dis)advantage
 computer wizard
 field (of research)
 greenhouse
 guest list
 (job) lead
 membership
 perk
 stability
 startup
 volunteer work
 widower

Adjectives

ambitious
 awful
 challenging
 demanding
 fantastic
 frustrating
 luxurious
 moody

outspoken
 rewarding
 social
 stimulating
 straightforward
 stressful
 tedious
 tiny

Verbs

be worth
 earn
 make up for
 picture
 seem
 sound
 train

Adverbs

furthermore
 perhaps
 probably

Conjunctions

as
 but

EXPRESSIONS

Giving an opinion

In my opinion, . . .

Interpreting information

It sounds like . . .

Expressing personal preferences

I'd be interested in . . .
 I'd get tired of . . .
 I'm very excited by . . .
 I'd enjoy . . .
 I think I'd be good at . . .
 I wouldn't be very good at . . .

Disagreeing

I'm not so sure.

That's not true.
 I disagree!

Beginning a series

First of all, . . .

Adding information

In addition, . . .
 For example, . . .
 Furthermore, . . .
 However, . . .
 On the other hand, . . .
 In conclusion, . . .

Expressing surprise

Really?

Expressing enthusiasm

Guess what . . .
 That's great!

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apology
favor
matter
sleeping bag

Adjectives

bored
cool
important

Verbs

accept (an apology/an invitation/a request)
act (out)
decline (a request)
do (a favor)
find (out)
finish
get along
give (a gift)
give up

handle
have (a party)
help (out)
ignore
keep (quiet)
look at
lose (interest)
make (a phone call/a request/noise)
move (away)
offer (an apology)
owe (an apology)
pick up
receive (a compliment/a gift/an invitation/a phone call)
return (a favor/a phone call/a compliment)
spend
take care (of)
turn down (an invitation)
worry

Adverb

almost

EXPRESSIONS

Talking on the telephone

Hi, . . . This is . . .
Oh, hi, . . . What's up?

Making, accepting, and declining requests

Can I . . . ?/Could you . . . , please?
Yes./Sorry, but . . .
Is it OK if I . . . ?
Of course.
Would it be all right/OK if I . . . ?
No problem.
Do you mind if I . . . ?/Would you mind if I . . . ?
No, I don't mind.
I was wondering if I could . . .
Sure, that's fine.

Thanking someone

Thanks a million./Thanks. I really appreciate it.
Sure.

Making indirect requests

Could you tell . . . (that) . . . ?
Please tell . . . (that) . . .
Would you ask . . . if/whether/to . . . ?
Can you tell . . . (not) to . . . ?
Can/Could you ask . . . if/whether . . . ?
Please ask . . . if/whether . . .
Can/Could you ask . . . what/when . . . ?

Apologizing

I'm sorry.
I'm really sorry.
Sorry.

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Events

coincidence
dilemma
disaster
emergency
lucky break
mishap
mistake
mystery
triumph

Other

achievement
brain
desire
destruction
driver
Earth
elevator
(good) fortune
"ick" factor
lice
outbreak
package

podcast
police
runner
selfies
sidewalk
sleep deprivation
suffering
thrift shop
trashcan
trip
weight loss

Adjectives

believable
complex
connected
dangerous
healthy
inaccurate
incredible
puzzling
quick
satirical
several
sudden
suspicious

trustworthy
understandable
unexpected

Verbs

Modals

be (un)able to
might

Other

burn off (calories)
gain
interrupt
involve
lock up
look for
run into
run out (of)
work out

Adverbs

as
unfortunately
while

Preposition

off

EXPRESSIONS

Reacting to a story

What happened?
That's terrible!

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Nouns

behavior
challenge
cheek
chopsticks
cooking
concern
culture
culture shock
custom
elbow
expectation
eye-opener
handshake
host
language
meal
outsider
pamphlet
taboo

Adjectives

Feelings

anxious
(un)comfortable
confident
curious
embarrassed
enthusiastic
excited
fascinated
homesick
insecure
nervous
uncertain
worried

Other

lively
passionate
picky

Verbs

drop by
feel

get used to
get sick
go out (on a date)
greet (someone)
hang out with
have (a baby)
hug
miss
plan
point out
split (= divide evenly)
take (photographs)
take off
tip
turn down

Adverbs

abroad
along
appropriately
especially
(the) most

Preposition

in (public)

EXPRESSIONS

Expressing emotions

One thing/Something (that) I'd be (anxious/excited/ . . .) about is . . .

Asking for permission

Is it all right to . . . ?

Describing expectations

You're supposed to . . .
You aren't supposed to . . .
You're expected to . . .
It's the custom to . . .
It's not acceptable to . . .

Expressing an opinion/ a feeling

Oh, how (nice/awful/ . . .)!

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Nouns

Electronics

battery
computer (screen)
oven
printer
refrigerator
remote/temperature control
TV (screen)
washing machine

Other

charge
complaint
crack
damage
lens(es)
(suitcase) lining
mug
pick-up
pitcher
receipt
refund
scratch
seller
shirt
stain
store credit
tablecloth

tear
temperature
tenant
vase
warranty

Pronoun

everything

Adjectives

Past participles

chipped
cracked
damaged
dented
made
scratched
stained
torn

Other

dirty
reliable
throwaway

Verbs

bill
book
break
crash
deliver
die
drop
flicker
freeze
have (an eye for)
highlight
jam
leak
pick up
pretend
purchase
repair
replace
rip
rush
skip
spot
state
work (= function)

Adverbs

hardly ever
right away/now

EXPRESSIONS

Offering help

Can I help you?
What can I do for you?

Describing problems

What's wrong with it?
It's torn/stained/damaged/scratched/cracked/chipped/worn.
What exactly is the problem?
It has a tear/a hole/a stain/some damage.
There are a few scratches.
There's a crack.
It's leaking./It has a leak.

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World problems

e-waste
extinction
famine
global warming
government corruption
(the) homeless
infectious diseases
overbuilding
political unrest
pollution
poverty
unemployment
violence

The Earth

air
birds
coral reef
ecosystem
fish
marine life
oil
plant
rain forest
river
soil
wildlife

Other

chemical
demonstration
destruction
executive

factory
farm(land)
health
industry
lack
landfill
law
livestock
management
petition
politician
(training) programs
publicity
recession
recycling
reduction
shelter
sit-in
(news) station
(heavy) traffic

Adjectives

accountable
affordable
clear
destructive
hungry
innovative
invasive
low-income
poisonous
underground
unemployed
unforgettable
urban

vocational

Verbs

boycott
contaminate
create
decompose
deplete
displace
dive
educate
fight
harm
hunt
ignore
improve
make (a living)
provide
pump
reduce
run (a story)
threaten
trash
voice (= share/talk about)

Adverbs

outside
too

Prepositions

against (the law)
as a result of
because of
due to
on (the street)

EXPRESSIONS

Describing problems

The ... are being ... by ...
(The) ... is being ... because of/due to ...
The ... have been ... through ...
(The) ... has been ... as a result of ...

Offering solutions

One thing to change things is to ...
Another way to stop them is to ...
The best way to help is to ...

Talking about what will happen

What if ... ?
Well, then ...

Identifying something

What's the name of ... ?
It's called ...

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Nouns

Language learning

accent
idiom
pronunciation
vocabulary

Learning paths and study methods

conference
internship
job shadowing
language course
lecture
online course
professional course
study group
traditional course
(private) tutor

Personal qualities and skills

artistic skills
communication skills
competitiveness
concern for others
cooperation
creativity
money management

perseverance
problem solving
self-confidence
self-discipline
time management
tolerance

Other

application (of skills)
approach
attorney
budget
clutter
curriculum
daily planner
dish
finance
foreign language
martial arts
outdoors
play
public defender
public speaking
sitcom
surrounding
volunteer activities

Adjectives

identical
native
practical
private
right (= correct)
shy
useful

Verbs

attend
claim
concentrate
expect
get (a degree/a raise/license)
improve
join
learn (about)
manage
prefer
set up
sing along
study (on your own)
take (a class/a course [on/in])
volunteer

Adverbs

correctly
totally

EXPRESSIONS

Asking about preferences

Would you rather ... or ... ?
I'd rather (not) ...
Would you prefer to ... or ... ?
(I think) I'd prefer ... to ...
I'd prefer (to) ...
Let's ...
I'd rather not./I'd prefer not to.

Asking for personal information

How's (your French class/ ...) going?
Not bad.

Talking about learning methods

You could ... by ...
That's a good idea.
I ... by ...
Maybe I should try that!
A good way to ... is by ...

Admitting something

To tell you the truth, ...

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Nouns

Services

car wash
(carpet/house) cleaning
dry cleaning
language tutoring
laundry
(home) repairs

Other

(home) appliance
assignment
belongings
budget
disease
fiancée
groceries
jogging

perseverance
portrait
self-confidence
stage
weeknight

Adjectives

affordable
annual
capable
ground-breaking
lethal
optimistic
overweight

Verbs

Phrasal verbs

break up with
come up with

cut down on
get along with
keep up with
look forward to
put up with
take care of

Other

argue
post
spend (time)
upgrade

Adverbs

absolutely
constantly
deeply
easily
endlessly

EXPRESSIONS

Talking about things you need to have done

Where can I have/get . . . ?
You can have/get . . .

Asking for and giving advice

What can I do?
What about . . . ?
Have you thought about . . . ?
Why don't you . . . ?
Maybe you could . . .
One option is (to) . . .
It might be a good idea to . . .

Replying to advice

Um, I don't think so.

Expressing frustration

This is so depressing!

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Nouns

Historic events

achievement
assassination
catastrophe
discovery
election
epidemic
invention
natural disaster
terrorism/terrorist act

Other

billion
century
compass
debut
existence
fad

human
humankind
impact
penicillin
roof garden
sensation
space
speculation
trend

Adjectives

biodegradable
major
overnight

Verbs

alter
appreciate
become
come on

cure
hit
hold
release
retain
rip
set up
spread
steal
take place

Adverb

quickly

Prepositions

during
for (50 years)
in (existence/1989)
since
within (the next 5 years)

EXPRESSIONS

Talking about historical events

When did . . . begin?
During/In the (1910s/ . . .).
About . . . years ago.
How long was the . . . ?
From . . . to . . . /For . . . years.
How long has the . . . been in existence?
Since . . . /For about the last . . . years.
For over . . . years.

Making a prediction

I guess . . .

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Nouns

apology
bank account
blackmail
crush
driver's license
essay
financial advisor
grade
high school
importance
internship
(student) loan
milestone
paycheck
promotion
regret
relationship
sabotage
sense
sleepover
teamwork
turning point

Pronouns

myself
yourself

Adjectives

Behavior and personality

ambitious
argumentative
carefree
(im)mature
naive
pragmatic
rebellious
(ir)responsible
selfish
short-fused
sophisticated
wise

Other

heartfelt
tough

Verbs

blame
borrow
become (a parent)
feel
get (a credit card/a paycheck/
married)
hurt
look something up
lose
move away
reject
retire
save (money)
spend (time)
stay (in touch)
take care of (yourself)
take out (a loan)
yell

Adverbs

not . . . anymore
seriously
somehow

EXPRESSIONS

Describing yourself in the past

By the time I, . . .
The moment I . . .
Before I got my first job, . . .
Once I left home, . . .
After I traveled overseas, . . .
As soon as I left home, . . .
Until I moved to (Alaska), . . .

Describing regrets about the past

I should have . . . / I shouldn't have . . .

Describing hypothetical situations

If I had . . . , I would have . . .
If I had . . . , I wouldn't be . . .

Asking for clarification

How do you mean?

VOCABULARY

Nouns

Businesses

(clothing) boutique
coffee shop
health club
megastore
supermarket

Other

advertising
barrage
concept
goddess
package
puzzle
reason
self-discipline
slogan
tagline
time-span
(personal) trainer
upset stomach
wait

Adjectives

Qualities for success

affordable
athletic
attractive
charming
clever
convenient
dependable
effective
entertaining
industrious
informative
knowledgeable
muscular
persuasive
tough
unforgettable
well written

Other

brand new
catchy
crowded
ever-changing
everlasting
flexible
funny
inexpensive
packed
profitable
shocking
trendy

Verbs

attract
be seen
dive
grab
succeed

Adverbs

directly
importantly
worldwide

EXPRESSIONS

Describing the purpose of something

In order to . . . , you need to . . .
(In order) for a/an . . . to . . . , it has to . . .
To . . . , it's a good idea to . . .

Giving reasons

I like . . . because . . .
It's so popular because of the . . .
The reason people . . . is to . . .
Due to . . .

Hypothesizing

I think another reason why . . . is . . .
It could be . . .

Accepting an invitation

I thought you'd never ask!

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Nouns

Reactions

assumption
criticism
demand
excuse
prediction
suggestion
suspicion
warning

Other

announcement
cafeteria
check
doorbell
explanation
fear
fight
flare
haircut
hint
in-laws
mess
nephew
pet peeve

pipe
sci-fi
sewer
sister-in-law
spaceship
trumpet

Pronoun

one

Adjectives

complicated
dated
giant
high-pitched
inconsiderate
overnight
tricky
understanding

Verbs

argue
baffle
blame
borrow
chew
clean up

cut
fall (asleep)
fire
flee
hear
interrupt
lend
make up (an excuse)
pack
pretend
ring
slip (one's mind)
squeal
take place
turn
wash (the dishes)
withdraw
yawn

Adverbs

besides
constantly
previously

Conjunction

however

EXPRESSIONS

Judging past actions

You should/shouldn't have ...
I wouldn't have ...

Suggesting alternative past actions

You could have ...
I would have ...

Expressing approval of someone's action

... did the right thing.

VOCABULARY

Nouns

Movies

character
detail
film
location
role
scene
script
set
shot
special effects
storyboard
studio
(movie) theater

Media professions

actor
band manager
club DJ
(game) designer
(production/technical/editorial)
director

editor
game animator
gameplay programmer
(art/photo) editor
news photographer
quality assurance analyst
songwriter
storyboard artist
stunt person
talk show host
(lighting/sound-effects) technician
web content manager

Other

clerk
computer graphics
crowd
jury
stage
thousands (of)

Adjectives

amazing
challenging

computer-animated
entirely
final
full-length
in-demand
nonexistent
rude
standard

Verbs

beat
complete
deal (with)
depend
pack
rehearse
run
shoot (the movie)

Adverb

simultaneously

Preposition

on (stage)

EXPRESSIONS

Explaining or identifying someone

... is the person who/that ...

Asking for an explanation

Can I ask why that is?

Saying you haven't decided yet

I'm considering ...

Talking about an opportunity

You get to ...

VOCABULARY

Nouns

Social issues

bullying
child care
health care
homelessness
noise pollution
parental leave
stray animal
street crime
trash collection
vandalism

Other

big deal
citizen
fare
fur
helmet
(health) insurance
key
leash
mayor

ownership
permit
plagiarism
rail
research
royalties
seat belt
shelter
sidewalk
source

Adjectives

affordable
(un)attended
disabled
inadequate
irregular
offensive
organic
overcrowded
soundproof
unmarried

Verbs

assume
ban
belong
critique
deserve
face
fail
feed
litter
make ends meet
pass
permit
pickpocket
pretend
require
ride (a bike)
spot

Adverbs

fairly
nowadays
unfortunately

EXPRESSIONS

Making a recommendation

People ought to/should be required to ...
People shouldn't be allowed to ...
Something has (got) to be done to ...
A rule has to be made to ...
Laws must be passed to ...
People mustn't be permitted to ...

Acknowledging an opinion and offering a different one

That sounds interesting, but ...
I think ...
That's not a bad idea. On the other hand, I feel that ...
You may have a point. However, I think ...

Asking for and giving reasons

Why?/Why not?
Well, I don't think ...
Well, for one thing, ...

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Nouns

accomplishment
best seller
competition
degree
discipline
eagle
goal
goggles
grade
hurdle
internship
lifetime
marathon
nomad
pleasure
promotion
savings
skill
personal statement
wish

Adjectives

adaptable
compassionate
courageous
cynical
dependent
downhill
healthy
(un)imaginative
insensitive
resourceful
rigid
self-motivated
self-sufficient
steady
timid
upbeat

Verbs

achieve
count (on someone)

deliver
develop
manage (to)
pack
proud
quit
retire
share
soar
succeed
switch

Adverbs

ahead
elsewhere
plenty
pretty

Pronouns

myself
yourself

EXPRESSIONS

Describing challenges, frustrations, and rewards

The most unusual/realistic/ambitious/rewarding thing about . . . is . . .

Describing past accomplishments

I've managed to . . .
I managed to . . .
I've been able to . . .
I was able to . . .

Talking about future accomplishments

What do you hope you'll have achieved?

I hope I'll have . . .
I'd like to have . . .