

# 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?