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**ANSWER KEY**

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**Unit 1****A**

Danilo asks if Mai finds the science journals *a bit dull*. The suggestion is that he does find them dull.

Mai says she's a nerd, which she defines as someone who's *crazy about* science and computers and technology.

Danilo says the word 'nerd' is *useful*.

Mai said reading The Times online can be *pretty tough*.

Mai isn't sure what graphic novels are, but thinks they sound *a bit naughty* – presumably because of the word 'graphic'.

Danilo says graphic novels often tackle *really serious topics*.

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- 1 Quite a bit, I guess
- 2 keep up with
- 3 They can be sometimes
- 4 How do you spell it
- 5 apart from that kind of thing
- 6 Not as a rule, no
- 7 not that keen on
- 8 tackle really serious topics

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**VIDEO SCRIPT**

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- Danilo So, do you read much, Mai?
- Mai Quite a bit, I guess, yeah.
- Danilo What kind of stuff?
- Mai All sorts, really. I have to keep up with new developments in my field for work, so I read all the science journals and that kind of thing.
- Danilo Wow! Don't you find them a bit dull?
- Mai They can be sometimes, yeah, but generally I quite enjoy that stuff. I'm a bit of a nerd.
- Danilo A what?
- Mai A nerd.
- Danilo I don't know what that means.
- Mai Oh, just someone who's a bit crazy about science and computers and technology.
- Danilo OK. Let me write that down. It's useful. How do you spell it?
- Mai N-e-r-d.
- Danilo Great. Thank you. So, I've forgotten what we were saying.
- Mai Books.
- Danilo Oh, yeah. So, what else do you read, apart from that kind of thing? The nerd books.
- Mai Well, I read newspapers.
- Danilo In English?
- Mai Not as a rule, no, but I do sometimes try to read The Times online. It's tough, though. Anyway, what about you? Do you read much?
- Danilo Well, I'm not that keen on reading, but I do read the occasional graphic novel.
- Mai What's that? A graphic novel? It sounds a bit naughty!
- Danilo No, no. It's like a comic, I guess. With pictures to help tell the story.
- Mai Like a book for kids, no?
- Danilo No! Sometimes they tackle really serious topics.
- Mai Yeah? Like what?
- Danilo Like wars and political situations and that kind of thing.
- Mai Yeah? Wow! OK. So what about music? Do you listen to music much?