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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?