Chapters 20 and 21

(Underlining indicates a word or word form from the Academic Word List)

Target Vocabulary: Chapter 20

**bistro** n.: a small restaurant or bar

**challenge** n.: something difficult; something that tests strength and skill

**conversation** n.: a talk between two or more people

**eliminate** v.: to completely get rid of something, to not have something in your life

**finally** adv.: at last, after a long time

**focus** v.: to concentrate; to give all your attention to one thing or person

**foolish** adj.: stupid, behaving in a silly or thoughtless way

**incline** n.: a hill or slope

**prefer** v.: like something more than something else; to choose something

**relieved** adj.: feeling happy because you are no longer worried about something

**repeat** v.: to do something again

**schedule** n.: a plan of what someone is going to do and when they are going to do it

Target Vocabulary: Chapter 21

**abandoned** adj.: left alone by the person that was taking care of you

**confront** v.: to face or deal with a problem in a brave and determined way

**diploma** n.: a document showing that someone has successfully graduated from a school or course of study

**drama** n.: a play for the theater or a movie to television show with a serious theme

**reluctant** adj.: unwilling and slow to do something; not wanting to do something
succeed v.: to do what you wanted or tried to do

timeless adj.: continuing forever; never seeming old

Activity 1: Definitions

Look at the way each underlined word is used in each sentence. Match each underlined word with the correct definition.

1. We found a puppy that had been abandoned by the side of the road.
2. Walking across the ice without falling down was a challenge!
3. He was eliminated from the game after he hit another player.
4. I want to focus on my career before I have children.
5. We had to climb up a steep incline before we got to the top of the hill.
6. She was reluctant to buy designer jeans. They were just too expensive.

_____ 1. abandon a. concentrate on
_____ 2. challenge b. take out; get rid of
_____ 3. eliminate c. to leave behind; to give up
_____ 4. focus d. unwilling; unsure
_____ 5. incline e. a difficult task
_____ 6. reluctant f. slope

Activity 2: Word Families

Use the words given below to fill in the word family chart. Some of the words will be used more than once. The first one has been done for you.
abandoned       challenge 2x       conversation       drama
abandon         challenging       converse         dramatic
abandonment     challenger        conversationalist        dramatist
                               conversational        dramatize
                               conversationally       dramatically
                               conversant

eliminate       finally       focus 2x       incline 2x        reluctant
elimination     final 2x       inclined         reluctantly
                                               finalize
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Activity 3: Word Forms

Complete each sentence with one of the words below. Change the word form by adding
-s, -ed, -ly, or -ing if necessary.

conversation          drama          finally          schedule          succeed

1. Can I _________ an appointment with Dr. Johnson next week?

2. What do you prefer to watch, comedies, tragedies, or serious ________?

3. We were having a quiet ________ when the phone rang.

4. After several tries, I finally _________ in hitting the ball.

5. I _________ finished my report late last night.