Chapter 10

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

alien n.: a being from outer space or from another place

birthmark n.: an unusual mark on skin, from birth

conversation n.: the talking between two or more people

instead (of) prep.: in place of; as a substitute for

outlandish adj.: strange; not ordinary; bizarre

panic n.: a sudden strong fear or terror

puzzling adj.: difficult to understand or difficult to solve

ransom n.: money that is paid so that a person who has been kidnapped will be set free

supposed to: intended

vanish v.: to disappear suddenly; to no longer exist

Activity 1: Definitions

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

1. Some people believe that aliens have visited the Earth in spaceships.

2. She had a birthmark shaped like a heart on her left shoulder.

3. We need to have a serious conversation about how we spend our money.

4. Could I have tea instead of coffee, please?

5. The clown was wearing outlandish clothes and a huge orange hat.
_____ 1. alien  
a. when two or more people talk to one another

_____ 2. birthmark  
b. strange or bizarre

_____ 3. conversation  
c. an unusual mark on a baby’s skin at birth

_____ 4. instead  
d. in place of

_____ 5. outlandish  
e. a being from another place

**Activity 2: Definitions**

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

- panic  
- puzzling  
- ransom  
- suppose  
- vanish

1. The kidnapper asked for ten thousand dollars in ________ to be paid by midnight.
2. There was mass ________ when the people saw the flames and smoke next door.
3. His sudden disappearance was very ________.
4. We were ________ to meet at six, but I didn’t get there until seven.
5. Food seems to ________ when teenagers are around.

**Activity 3: Word Families**

Use the words given below to fill in the word family chart. The first one has been done for you.

- alien (2x)  
- conversation  
- outlandish  
- panic (2x)  
- puzzling
alienate      conversational      outlandishness      panicky      puzzle (2x)
alienation      converse      outlandishly

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Activity 4: Word Forms

Complete each sentence with the correct word.
1. Many farm workers in the United States are actually illegal __________.
   alien       aliens       alienation       alienate

2. People sat in groups of two or three, quietly reading or __________.
   converse     conversing     conversational     conversation

3. What kind of __________ idea is that?
   outlandishness       outlandish       outlandishly

4. There is no reason to __________; everything will be OK.
   panic       panicky       panicked       panicking

5. She was __________ by his comment. What did he mean?
   puzzling       puzzles       puzzle       puzzled