Chapter 13

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

biographical adj.: something that gives information about a person’s life

clone n.: a plant or animal that is artificially produced from the cells of another plant or animal.

coincidence n.: when two or more things occur by chance at the same time.

count on: to rely on or depend on

disturbing adj.: something that makes you feel worried or upset

element n.: 1. a basic part of something. 2. a substance that consists of only one type of atom.

odd adj.: strange or unusual

talented adj.: the natural ability to do something very well

uniform n.: special clothes that some people, like soldiers or police officers, wear to work

Activity 1: Definitions

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

1. Abraham Lincoln’s letters and papers provide a lot of biographical information about his life as a young man.

2. By coincidence, we both had tickets to the same show on Friday night.

3. One element of a good movie is suspense.

4. It’s odd that she hasn’t phoned yet. I wonder if something’s wrong?
5. The basketball team has new uniforms this year.

_____ 1. biographical  a. information about a person’s life
_____ 2. coincidence  b. a basic or primary part of something
_____ 3. element  c. special clothes worn by members of a group
_____ 4. odd  d. two or more things that happen at the same time
_____ 5. uniform  e. strange or unusual

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.

clone          count on           disturb        talent          element

1. The photos of the war were __________ to look at.
2. John’s teacher thinks he’s a very __________ young artist.
3. Dolly the sheep was one of the first animals to be successfully __________.
4. Hydrogen is the first __________ listed on the Periodic Table, isn’t it?
5. She knew that she could __________ her mother to take care of the children after
   school.

Activity 3: Word Families
Use the words given below to fill in the word family chart. The first one has been done for you.

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**Activity 4: Word Forms**

Complete each sentence with the correct word.
1. This year my daughter’s birthday __________ with the first day of summer vacation.
   coincidence    coincides    coincidentally    coincidental

2. Suddenly there was a __________ in the next room. I heard a loud crash and someone started shouting.
   disturb       disturbing   disturbed     disturbance

3. __________ school is generally grades one through five or six.
   element       elementary   elements      elemental

4. He looked at me __________ and asked, “Have I met you somewhere before?”
   odd           odds          oddity        oddly

5. I tried to cut the pieces as __________ as possible.
   uniform       uniformity   uniforms      uniformly