Chapter 14

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

agent n.: 1. a person who works for a country’s secret service. 2. a person who arranges business for someone else, for example, a real estate agent

alert adj.: to be paying close attention; to be fully aware

apparently adv.: referring to something that seems to be true, but may not be

applaud v.: to clap your hands together to show appreciation; to praise

assign v.: to give a person a piece of work to do

audience n.: a group of people listening to someone speak or watching a performance like a play, a concert, or a movie

cooperate v.: to work or act together for a purpose

evident adj.: to clearly exist or be true

investigate v.: to try to find out all the facts about a person, situation or event

keep (your) eyes and ears open (idiom): to pay close attention; to watch and listen carefully

reassure v.: to say or do things that will make a person stop worrying

so far: up to this point; until now

tap into: to connect with; to make use of

Activity 1: Definitions

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

1. The government has agents working overseas to collect information on terrorist groups.
2. I needed to stay **alert** on the long drive, so I stopped to have coffee.

3. **Apparently**, he likes his new job better than his old one.

4. The crowd started to **applaud** as soon as the music was over.

5. The teacher **assigned** the next two chapters. We’ll be tested on them on Friday.

6. The speaker took questions from the **audience** after the lecture.

_____ 1. agent  a. to clap the hands together in appreciation  
_____ 2. alert  b. seems to be true but may not be  
_____ 3. apparently  c. to give someone a task or work to do  
_____ 4. applaud  d. a person who works for a government’s secret service  
_____ 5. assign  e. a group of people watching a performance or lecture  
_____ 6. audience  f. pay attention; be aware

**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.

cooperate evident investigate reassure so far tap into

1. ________ he had not changed his clothes in a long time. They were filthy.

2. The President ________ the nation that the economy was improving.

3. ________ it looks like about 15 people are planning to come to the party.

4. I may have to ________ my savings if I want to take a vacation this year.

5. If everyone will work together and ________, we can get the job done much faster.

6. Police are continuing to ________ the cause of the automobile accident.
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. It was __________ that the baby was very sick.
   apparently        apparent        appearance        appearances

2. New employees are usually __________ the easiest jobs at first.
   assign            assignment       assigned          assigning

3. The clerk was very __________ and gave me a full refund.
   cooperate         cooperation      cooperative       cooperating

4. The __________ was clear – the thief had broken a window and climbed in.
   evident           evidence         evidently         evidential

5. Several __________ are still trying to find out what happened.
   investigate       investigators    investigative     investigation

6. The nurse looked at her and smiled __________.
   reassure          reassured       reassurance      reassuringly