Chapter 15

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

complain v.: to express dissatisfaction or unhappiness about something
confusion n.: a situation where it is not clear what is happening
interrupt v.: 1. to temporarily stop an activity from continuing 2. to do or say something that causes a person to pause or stop speaking
show up: to appear at a place where someone is expecting you

Activity 1: Definitions

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

1. He complained, “I’ve got so much work to do, I’ll never get it all done.”
2. Was my explanation clear, or did I add to your confusion?
3. The quiet was disrupted by someone’s cell phone ringing.
4. Please don’t interrupt with questions. I’ll answer questions after the lecture.
5. How many people showed up for the party?

_____ 1. complain a. to prevent an activity from continuing normally
_____ 2. confusion b. to do or say something that causes a person to pause or stop speaking
_____ 3. disrupt c. to appear at a place where you are expected
_____ 4. interrupt d. to express unhappiness about something
_____ 5. show up
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.

complain          confuse          disrupt          interrupt          show up

1. The instructions are __________. Does this part go on the right or left?
2. Suddenly his sleep was __________ by a loud crashing noise.
3. Don’t __________ while I’m talking. It’s rude.
4. All players are expected to __________ at the gym an hour before the game.
5. She always __________ about her parents, but I like them.

Activity 3: Word Families

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

complain          confusion          disrupt          interrupt
complainer          confusing          disruptive          interruption
complaint          confused          disruption

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Activity 4: Word Forms

Complete each sentence with the correct word.

1. If you are that unhappy, you should make a formal _________ to your boss.
   complain          complaint           complaining           complained

2. The twins look so much alike people are always _________ them for one another.
   confuse          confusion           confusing           confused

3. He often _________ class by talking loudly to his friends.
   disrupt          disruption           disruptive          disrupts

4. He can’t be _________ while he’s in a meeting. He gets very upset.
   interrupt          interruption           interrupted         interrupting

5. I expect her to _________ late, as usual.
   show up          showing up           showed up           shows up