Chapter 2

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

all points bulletin n.: a short notice that goes out, telling the police to look for someone or something

frantic adj.: behaving wildly, usually because of fear or worry

get to the bottom of (~): to discover the truth about something or to discover the cause of something

principal n.: the person in charge of a school (as used here)

promise v.: to vow or agree to do something

Activity 1: Definitions

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

1. The police officer sent out an _all points bulletin_ with a description of the two men who had robbed the bank.

2. The cat started pacing _frantically_ when she saw the mouse outside.

3. He was smart, and we knew he’d _get to the bottom of_ the situation quickly.

4. The _principal_ and teachers welcomed the students on the first day of school.

5. She _promised_ to look after the children while I was gone.

_____ 1. all points bulletin a. the person in charge of a school

_____ 2. frantic b. an announcement sent out by the police

_____ 3. get to the bottom of c. agree to do something
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.

frantic principal promise

1. Teachers and students will go to the ________ when there is a problem.
2. He makes ________ but he doesn’t keep them.
3. She became ________ when she realized her purse had been stolen.

Activity 3: Word Families

Use the words given below to fill in the word family chart.

frantic promise (2x)
frantically promising

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Activity 4: Word Forms

Complete each sentence with the correct word.

1. He was _______ with worry when he couldn’t find his son.
   frantic          frantically

2. Your father will _______ this when he gets home.
   gets to the bottom of          got to the bottom of
   get to the bottom of          getting to the bottom of

3. The _______ of the local schools met to talk about the new state tests.
   principal          principle          principles          principals

4. I _______ my friends that we’d go to the movies on Saturday.
   promise          promises          promised          promising