Chapter 3

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

at this point: at this time; at this stage
check out (~): to find out about something; to examine something
clue n.: something that provides information about a problem or a mystery
connection n.: a relationship between two things
lead n.: a piece of information that may help police solve a crime; like a clue
message n.: information sent to someone or left for them when you cannot talk to them directly
offer v.: to provide a service
pick up (phrasal verb): to take something or someone
psychic n.: a person who has unusual mental powers, such as being able to read the minds of other people or see into the future
runaway adj.: a person, often a young person, who leaves home without telling anyone where he or she is going
stranger n.: a person you have never met before or who is unknown
willing adj.: able and happy to do something if someone asks or wants you to do it.)

Activity 1: Definitions

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

1. Scientists found a strong connection between smoking and cancer.
2. Your mother called and left a message for you.
3. Sometimes I thought he was **psychic** – he seemed to know exactly what I was thinking!

4. The parents of the **runaway** boy asked if anyone had seen or heard from their son.

5. You look lost. Are you a **stranger** to our city?

6. I’m **willing** to make dinner if you’ll do the dishes later.

| _____ 1. connection | a. a young person who leaves home without telling anyone |
| _____ 2. message | b. a person who has unusual mental powers |
| _____ 3. psychic | c. a person who is new to a place |
| _____ 4. runaway | d. a relationship between two things |
| _____ 5. stranger | e. to be happy to do something if someone asks you to |
| _____ 6. willing | f. information for someone when it cannot be given directly |

**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.

at this point, check out, clue, lead, offer, pick up

1. The police had several __________, but none of them were useful.

2. I don’t know what’s in the box. Can you give me a __________?

3. Would you like to __________ that new restaurant for lunch?

4. __________ I’m afraid there is nothing we can do, except wait.

5. I have to __________ some groceries on the way home. Do you need anything?

6. My brother __________ to help me with my homework.
Activity 3: Word Families

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

connection (2x)  message  offer (2x)  psychic (2x)  runaway (2x)
connected  messenger  offering  psychically
connect

willing
willingness
Willingly

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Activity 4: Word Forms

Complete each sentence with the correct word.

1. The two rooms were __________ by a door.
   connection  connect  connected  connects
2. I hate to be the ___________, but I’m afraid have some bad news.
   - message messages mess messenger

3. Her ___________ to learn made her a good student.
   - willingly will willing willingness

4. I ___________ the prices carefully before I bought a ticket.
   - check out checked out checks out checking out

5. Who’s ___________ Julian after school today? You or me?
   - picks up picked up picking up pick up