Chapter 4

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

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actually adv.: in fact; in reality
blow in like the wind: describes someone or something that arrives in a rush of energy, as if pushed or blown in by the wind
conventional adj.: ordinary or normal; sometimes meaning traditional
danger n.: something or someone that can hurt or kill you
detective n.: a person whose job it is to discover what has happened in a crime and to find the people involved or a person whose job is to find someone
often adv.: frequently; many times
pen pal n.: a person, often someone who you have never met who lives in another country, to whom you write letters and receive letters from
tender adj.: gentle and caring
upset adj.: worried or unhappy about something
what's the matter?: a question asked when you think that someone has a problem and you want to know what it is.

Activity 1: Definitions

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

1. I’m _actually_ older than she is, but most people think I’m younger.
2. It was a _conventional_ neighborhood. Nothing about it was unusual.
3. The children didn’t understand the danger of fire.

4. The detective examined the room carefully as he looked for clues.

5. My mother calls me often – at least twice a day.

1. _____ actually
2. _____ conventional
3. _____ danger
4. _____ detective
5. _____ frequently

Activity 2: Definitions

Complete each sentence with one of the words or phrases below. Change the word form by adding –s, -ed, -ly or –ing if necessary.

pen pal          tender          upset          what’s the matter

1. __________? Why are you crying?
2. I have two __________. One lives in Brazil and the other one lives in France.
3. The news of his friend’s death was __________ to him.
4. She __________ wrapped the tiny baby in a blanket.

Activity 3: Word Families

Use the words given below to fill in the word family chart. The first one has been done for you.
Activity 4: Word Forms

Complete each sentence with the correct word.

1. The _________ time is 12:36 a.m.
   actual       actually       factual       actuality

2. Most people are pretty ordinary and tend to follow _________.
   convention       convene       conventional       conventionally
3. Don’t drive so fast, it’s _________!

   danger       dangers       dangerous       dangerously

4. If you look closely at the glass you can _________ several fingerprints.

   detective       detect       detected       detection

5. He gave his little granddaughter a _________ smile as he hugged her.

   tender          tenderly       pretender       tenderness

6. I think I’m getting sick, my stomach feels _________.

   upset           upsets         sets           upsetting