Chapter 8

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

be a [big] help: to assist someone; to make it easier for someone to do something

compatible adj.: 1. able to live or be together happily. 2. machines or devices that are designed to work together without any changes.

folks n. (colloq.): a person’s parents; sometimes used in reference to people in general

go out with (colloq.): to spend time with someone socially; to have a romantic relationship with someone

immature adj.: not grown up; not old enough to think or behave properly.

possibility n.: something that might be true; something that might happen

scholarship n.: money that pays for a student’s studies

(your) type n.: the kind of person you find interesting and attractive; a type of something is one example of a group of things that have many features in common.

Activity 1: Definitions

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

1. Will and Joanna seem very compatible – they never disagree about anything.

2. I’m going over to my folks’ house for dinner on Sunday. My mom’s a great cook.

3. He’s very immature. He acts a lot younger than he really is.

4. Is there any possibility that you left your bag on the bus?

5. He was offered a scholarship to study law at Harvard.
Activity 2: Definitions

Complete each sentence with one of the words or phrases below. Add -s, -ed, or –ing if necessary.

immature  be a help  go out with  type

1. It would ________ if you could go to the grocery store for me.
2. He’s not really your ________, is he? He loves sports and you hate them.
3. Don’t you think she’s too young to ________ a 22-year-old man?
4. Her behavior is quite ________ for her age; it’s inappropriate.

Activity 3: Word Families

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

compatible  immature  possibility  scholarship
Activity 4: Word Forms

Complete each sentence with the correct word.

1. Unfortunately, this new software is _________ with my old computer.
   compatible          incompatible          compatibility          incompatibility

2. When he lost the game, he started yelling and calling the other boy a cheater. It was
   very _________ behavior, wasn’t it?
   immature          immaturity          immaturely          mature

3. Heavy snowfall is _________ tonight.
   possible          impossible          possibility          possibly

4. _________ were given for high grades, athletic ability, and artistic talent.
   scholar          scholarships          scholarship          scholarly