Chapter 1

Target Vocabulary

activity n.: something you spend time doing; a pursuit; organized sports or recreation
adopt v.: to take and raise the child of other parents as your own child (as used in this chapter); to take something and make it/use it as your own, as in she adopted the new teaching method.
adoption n.: the act of taking and raising someone else’s child as your own child (as used in this chapter); the act of making something your own
agency n.: a business that provides services for another business
chance n.: possibility or opportunity.
peek v.: to look at something quickly, often secretly
serious adj.: earnest and sincere about what you are thinking or doing
straight adj.: not curved or bent
twin n.: one of two babies born at the same time, to the same mother
didn’t make it (p. 2): did not live, died
make it (p. 3): to succeed in becoming a member of a team, as in “make the team” (as used in this chapter); to succeed, to attend.
put up for [adoption]: to offer up (a child or pet for adoption or some goods for sale)

Activity 1: Definitions

Look at the way the underlined words are used in each sentence. Match each word with the correct definition.
1. Will is very lazy. His favorite activity is sleeping.

2. Do you think there’s a chance you will win the race? She’s faster than you are.

3. Close your eyes and don’t peek or you’ll ruin the surprise!

4. It’s obvious that he is serious about getting good grades—he studies all the time.

5. Use a ruler to draw a straight line down the middle of the page.

_____ 1. activity a. not curved or irregular
_____ 2. chance b. take a quick look at something
_____ 3. peek c. sincere, earnest
_____ 4. serious d. something you spend time doing
_____ 5. straight e. possibility, opportunity

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.

adopt agency make it put up for twin

1. After grandfather died, the farmhouse was _______________ sale.

2. I’m afraid I can’t _______________ to the party. I have other plans that night.

3. The CIA and the FBI are both government _______________.

4. They have two children— their own son, Joe, and their _______________
   daughter, Mei, who was born in China.

5. The _______________ boys looked exactly alike. Even their mother couldn’t tell them apart.
Activity 3: Word Families

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

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Activity 4: Word Forms

Complete each sentence with the correct word.

1. I try to stay ______________. I work, belong to a book club, take my dogs for walks, and go to the gym five days a week.
2. We decided to __________ a child, even though we already had two children of our own.

   adopted  adopt  adoption  adoptee

3. She takes her job ____________. She often works late and on the weekends.

   seriousness  serious  seriously

4. He stopped to ________________ his tie before he went in to the meeting.

   straight  straighten  straightened  straights