Chapter 14

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

**accuse** v.: to say that someone has committed a crime or done something wrong

**exist** v.: to be present in the world as a real, living or actual thing

**information** n.: knowledge about something

**knock** n.: to hit a door or window several times, usually to get someone’s attention

**scandal** n.: a situation or event that is shocking or immoral to many people

**supposedly** adv.: used to express doubt about someone or something that people think is true but you can’t be sure is true. *Supposedly these pills will help me lose weight.* (You don’t think the pills will really help you lose weight.)

**hurry up** phrasal v.: to do something more quickly

**on business**: for the purpose of doing work. I have to go to New York *on business.*

**stand trial**: when a person must go to court because they have been accused of breaking the law

Activity 1: Definitions

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

1. Two students were **accused** of cheating on the exam.

2. She hired a **detective** to find out who had stolen her car.

3. It’s hard to tell whether the **information** you read on the Internet is true or not.
4. There was a loud knock on the door so I went to open it.

5. He was involved in that banking scandal several years ago. He ended up going to prison for it.

_____ 1. accused  a. knowledge about something
_____ 2. detective  b. were said to have done something wrong
_____ 3. information  c. a shocking event or situation
_____ 4. knock  d. a person who investigates crimes
_____ 5. scandal  e. to tap on a door or window

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.

file          exist          suppose          hurry up           stand trial

1. Do you think ghosts actually __________ ?
2. The three young men would not have to __________ for the crime, but they would each have to pay a large fine.
3. If you don’t __________ , we’ll be late for the movie!
4. I accidentally deleted some important __________ from my computer.
1. You were __________ to call your mother this evening. Did you remember to do it?
Activity 3: Word Families

Use the words given below to fill in the word family chart. Some words will be used more than once. The first one has been done for you.

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Activity 4: Word Forms

Complete each sentence with the correct word.

1. He could __________ the smell of smoke in the air.
   - detect          detected          detective          detection

2. Are you __________ me of lying?
   - accuse          accused          accusation          accusing

3. I’m happy to __________ you that everyone passed the test.
   - information           informed           informer           inform

4. I __________ we could eat at home, but I’d rather go out for dinner.
   - supposedly          suppose          supposition          supposed

5. They managed to __________ for several days on very little food and water.
   - existed          exist          exists          existence