Chapter 16

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

military n.: the armed forces of a country; the Army, Air Force and Navy of a country

permanent adj.: something that lasts forever or for a very long time

be up to something: be secretly doing something

check up on: to make sure that he or she is safe or that something is correct

dig up: to discover information that is not widely known

head for: to go toward something

kill my chances: to end your opportunity to do something

running drugs: to move illegal substances from one place to another

snooping around: secretly looking around to find information or things

Activity 1: Definitions

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

1. My brothers are both in the military – one’s in the Air Force and one’s in the Navy.

2. The doctor told him that the blurry vision wouldn’t be permanent and he’d see normally again in a few days.

3. I call to check up on my grandmother several times a week.

4. On Friday afternoon we decided to head for the beach and go swimming.

5. I knew that bad grades would kill my chances of getting a scholarship.
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.

head for           snooping around           check up on           dig up

1. My younger sister was always ___________ in my bedroom.
2. I tried to ___________ some information about my great-grandfather’s family, but there wasn’t much available.
3. It was too hot sitting out in the sun, so we decided to ___________ a shady spot.
4. Could you ___________ my cat? I’m not sure he’s eating while I’m away.

Activity 3: Word Families

Use the words given below to fill in the word family chart. Some words will be used more than once.
Activity 4: Word Forms

Complete each sentence with the correct word or phrase.

1. I knew the boys __________ when I heard them laughing and whispering.
   is up to something        was up to something
   are up to something      were up to something

2. When I __________ her this morning, she was feeling much better.
   check up on          checked up on           checking up on           checks up on

3. The rabbits __________ every single carrot in the garden.
   dig up      dug up       digs up       digging up

4. Mark usually __________ the gym right after work.
   head for        headed for       heading for       heads for
Activity 5: Antonyms

Antonyms are words that have the opposite meaning. See if you can match each of the words below with the correct antonym. The first one has been done for you.

1. legal  a. temporary
2. calm  b. civilian
3. pretend  c. illegal
4. serious  d. innocent
5. accuse  e. real
6. hurry up  f. funny
7. suspicious  g. admit
8. military  h. excited/rough
9. permanent  i. slow down