Chapter 5

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

**assist** v.: to help someone do something; to make it easier to do something

**confide** v.: to tell someone a private or secret matter

**drown** v.: to die as a result of going under water and ceasing to breath

**ironic** adj.: something that is the opposite of what is meant, often in a joking way. If a situation is ironic, it is the opposite of what you would expect.

**obituary** n.: a notice that tells about the life of a person who has died. Obituaries are usually printed in the newspaper.

**realize** v.: to become aware of something

**pick up** phrasal v.: to buy or obtain something

Activity 1: Definitions

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

1. Could you **assist** me with this box? It’s too heavy for me to lift by myself.
2. I **confide** in my sister all the time because I know I can trust her.
3. Three people **drowned** when the boat sank.
4. It’s **ironic** that she complains about being fat, but she never exercises and she eats sweets all the time.

_____ 1. assist a. to go under water, stop breathing and die

_____ 2. confide b. the opposite of what you would expect
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.

obituary          realize          pick up          assist

1. When I went outside without a coat, I __________ how cold it was.
2. The librarian will __________ you if you can’t find the book you are looking for.
3. If you go to the supermarket would you __________ some milk and eggs?
4. I was sad to read Mr. Juarez’ __________ in the newspaper. I didn’t know he had died.

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.

assist (2x)           confide          drown          ironic          realize
assistance           confidant        drowning        irony           realization
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**Activity 4: Word Forms**

Complete each sentence with the correct word.

1. I sometimes __________ what happened to Bill after high school? Did he go to college?
   
   wondering    wondered    wonder    wonders

2. It’s easy to __________ my brother – we look quite a bit alike.
   
   identification    identified    identify    identity

3. She __________ that she failed the test because she hadn’t studied.
   
   confiding    confide    confident    confided

4. I’m __________ the kids after school. We should be home by 4 o’clock.
   
   picked up    put up    putting up    picking up
5. When did you __________ that something was wrong?

realizing  realized  realize  realization