Academic Vocabulary Activity

Academic Words in This Chapter

- comprise
- prior
- conduct
- unify
- invest
- volume

A. Word Meaning Activity: Odd Word Out

Directions: Read the underlined words below, as well as the four words or phrases next to them. Three of the words or phrases are similar in meaning to the underlined word. Circle the word or phrase that is NOT similar to the underlined word.

1. comprise include contain consist of expand
2. conduct carry out contain perform do
3. prior subsequent previous former earlier
4. unify join merge separate combine
5. volume property amount quantity size

B. Word Family Activity: Parts of Speech

Directions: Circle the part of speech that the underlined word represents.

1. verb/adjective
   Russia comprises many different regions and territories.

2. noun/verb
   A high volume of goods passes through the port of St. Petersburg.

3. noun/verb
   Some people invest in others’ businesses to make money.

4. noun/verb
   The investment in the Russian oil industry had huge returns.

5. adjective/preposition
   Prior to 1991, Russians had little experience with democracy.

6. adjective/preposition
   His prior job did not utilize all his skills.

7. noun/verb
   The unification of Russia has been difficult because of regional rivalries.

8. noun/verb
   Chechen separatists conduct terrorist attacks against the Russian government.