Safe at Home

Pre-reading

Questions:

- Do you feel safe in your home? Why or why not?

Definitions:

- Safe – not in danger
- Rob – to take someone else’s things; to steal
- Thief – a person who takes things that are not his
- Laundry room – a place where clothes are washed and dried

Reading

Deb and Zain are friends. They have coffee together once a week. Zain greets Deb, “Hi, Deb. How are you?” Deb replies, “I’m not so well. I was robbed last night. The thief took my computer and my purse. I did not lock my door when I got my clothes from the laundry room.”

“I feel bad for you, Deb. We all like to feel safe,” says Zain. “I lock my door when I am in my home and when I am gone. I carry my keys with me at all times,” says Zain.

“I try to keep my doors locked, too,” says Deb, “but this one time I did not. From now on I will lock my door each time I leave.”
Understanding

1. What happened to Deb? ____________________________________________________________
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2. How did the thief get in Deb’s place? ____________________________________________
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3. What did the thief take? ______________________________________________________
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4. When does Zain lock her door? ________________________________________________
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5. What does Zain carry with her at all times? ______________________________________
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Writing

Choice A: Retell the story in your own words.

Choice B: What do you do to feel safe in your home?

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