Cell Phones at Work

Pre-reading

Questions:
- Do you have a cell phone?
  - If yes, where and when do you use it?
  - If no, where do you see other people using their cell phones?

Definitions:
- Time clock – a clock that records a person’s beginning and ending of work time
- Voice mail – a spoken message left on a phone

Reading

Many people have cell phones. They talk on them in the car and in stores.
They talk on them while walking down the street. People use their cell phones a lot.

It is not wise to use cell phones in some places. Work is one of them. Most bosses do not want their workers using their cell phones at work.

Bill brings his cell phone to work. He turns it off before he punches the time clock. At break time he checks his voice mail and returns calls. He then turns off his cell phone and goes back to work.

People at Bill’s workplace can use their cell phones during breaks and lunch hours. At the end of his work day, Bill punches out on the time clock. Then, he turns on his cell phone.
Understanding

1. Where do people talk on their cell phones? ____________________________________________

2. What does the word wise mean? ________________________________________________________

3. Why doesn’t Bill use his cell phone while working? _______________________________________

4. When does Bill use his cell phone at work? _______________________________________________

5. What does Bill do at the end of the work day? ____________________________________________

Writing

Choice A: Retell the story in your own words.

Choice B: How do people use cell phones at your place of work?