Networking for a Job

Pre-reading

Questions:
- How do you look for a job?

Definitions:
- Detail – a small piece of a whole
- Local – within a certain area
- Lead – a tip, or possible opportunity

Reading

Joan wants a job as a cook. She tells her friends and neighbors about her job hunt. One of them may know of a job for her.

She looks at the “help wanted” section of the newspaper. There is an opening for a cook at the pizza place downtown. She calls and asks for more details about the job.

Joan looks in the yellow pages. She finds a list of all the local eating places. She calls the ones that are close to her home and tells them she is looking for work.

One is hiring a waitress. She will think about that job.

Late in the day Joan meets her friend Gwen for coffee. Joan tells her about what she has done to find a job. “You have been networking! Your efforts of talking to people and looking for jobs have been worthwhile. So far, you have two leads. That’s great!” exclaims Gwen.
Understanding

1. What kind of job does Joan want? ____________________________________________________________
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2. Who does she tell that she is looking for a job? ______________________________________________
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3. Where does she look for job leads? __________________________________________________________
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4. How many job leads does she get? __________________________________________________________
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5. Define networking. ____________________________________________________________
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Writing

Choice A: Retell the story in your own words.

Choice B: How have you used networking in looking for a job?

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