

Daycare for Lea

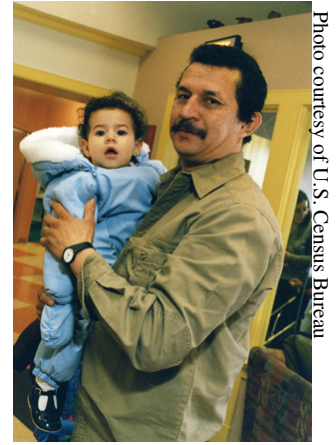
Pre-reading

Questions:

- What do you know about daycare for children?

Definitions:

- Proud – being pleased about something you have done
- Setting – the place where something happens
- Patient – slow to anger
- Guidelines – rules
- Desire – to wish for or want



Reading

16 Mae and Doug are the proud parents of a new baby girl named Lea. Mae and
31 Doug both have full time jobs. They will need daycare for Lea. They would like
31 Lea to be in a home daycare setting.

39 What are they looking for in a daycare provider? “I want someone who loves
53 kids and is patient. Plus, the person should keep Lea on the same schedule that she
69 has at home,” Mae says. “I also think about safety,” Doug replies. “Is the home
84 clean? Are there any pets? Is there a fence around the yard? How many kids are in
101 the daycare home at one time?”

107 Mae says, “I would like a licensed daycare for Lea.” Licensed daycare homes
120 have to follow rules. It would be a safe place for her. There are food guidelines, and
137 a state agency visits and checks these sites.

145 “Let’s make a list of our ideas,” Doug suggests. “I think this is a good start.
161 We now have questions we can ask when we begin to call about daycare for Lea.”

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Level 3.0

Understanding

1. Why do Lea's parents need daycare for Lea? _____

2. What kind of daycare setting would they like for Lea? _____

3. What concerns does Doug have? (List at least three) _____

4. Why is licensed daycare a good choice? (List at least three reasons) _____

5. How does Mae describe the daycare person she wants to hire? _____

Writing

Choice A: Retell the story in your own words.

Choice B: Write about your own experience in finding daycare for a child; or, write about what you think would be important when looking for daycare for a child.
