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

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

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

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

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