READING COMPREHENSION

B 10-23 Read and listen to a post about finding your first job.

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How can you get your first job when you don't have any experience?

Karen S. July 2

It's all about who you know and connecting with the interviewer.


Karen

I grew up as a quiet kid in a noisy house. Fortunately, my parents' best friend, Mrs. Garcia, lived next door. She often invited me over to do my homework in peace and eat one of her world-famous cookies. She became like a second mom to me and even taught me how to make her cookies.

After I graduated from high school, I moved to another city, got my degree in marketing, and started looking for a job. My mom said I should call Mrs. Garcia to see if she knew of any good jobs. Mrs. Garcia suggested I email her niece, who was a marketing manager at a cool sunglasses company. A few days later, her niece called me to come in and interview for a market researcher job.

Her first question was, "So, my aunt tells me you're quiet, really smart, and the only other person in the world who can make her cookies. What's your secret? I can never make them right." I laughed, "Well, I went to her house almost every day as a kid. I guess it's just practice." Her niece and I had a lot in common. We talked about Mrs. Garcia, cookies, and sunglasses for about 15 minutes before we even started talking about the job. I left the interview feeling great and, a few days later, she called to offer me the job.

So my advice is to talk to your friends, family, and old neighbors! They can help you find good places to apply and convince a company that you'll do a good job.

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3 CHECK YOUR UNDERSTANDING

A What is the main idea of the post?

a. Become friends with your neighbors and interviewers.
b. Tell your parents and neighbors to call companies for you.
c. Ask people you know to help you find a job.

B Circle the correct answer.

1. Karen liked to *learn about marketing sunglasses / do homework and eat cookies / watch TV in peace* at Mrs. Garcia's house.
2. Mrs. Garcia gave Karen *her niece's email / advice about interviews / a good job*.
3. The interviewer first wanted to talk about *the company's accessories / Mrs. Garcia's cookies / Karen's personality*.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

C READING SKILL Read the Reading Skill. Answer the questions.

1. Why did Karen enjoy going to Mrs. Garcia's house?
   a. She wanted a second mom.
   b. Mrs. Garcia made her do homework.
   c. Her home was too noisy.
2. Why did Karen ask Mrs. Garcia for help?
   a. She wanted to find a job by herself.
   b. She wanted to work for Mrs. Garcia's niece.
   c. She wanted help finding a job.
3. Why did Mrs. Garcia's niece ask Karen to come in and interview?
   a. She was a manager at a sunglasses company.
   b. She heard nice things about Karen from Mrs. Garcia.
   c. She couldn't hire anyone else.
4. What's one reason Mrs. Garcia's niece offered Karen the job?
   a. Karen made her some cookies.
   b. They liked each other.
   c. She needed a quiet person.

READING SKILL Infer why someone does something

You often need to infer people's reasons because writers don't say exactly why people do things. In these cases, think about the people's situations and feelings. This can help you understand their actions.

D FOCUS ON LANGUAGE Read. What do the underlined words mean?

1. It's all about who you know and connecting with the interviewer.
   a. The most important thing is
   b. The topic is
2. She often invited me over to do my homework in peace.
   a. without noise, people talking, etc.
   b. in an excellent way
3. I can never make them right.
   a. follow the directions carefully
   b. create them in the correct way

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