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Chapter 13: The Business of Babysitting—Read, Discuss, and Analyze Activity

New Babysitting Job

READ the case study

After a few weeks of searching for a babysitting job, Zari has been contacted about babysitting Ava, a four-year-old who lives in the neighborhood. Zari has already conducted a phone interview with Ava’s parents and discussed the location, times, and payment for the babysitting job. Zari is expected to feed, play with, and put Ava to sleep. Zari does not know the family well, but they have expressed that Ava is learning the alphabet and new words. She enjoys picture books and coloring. They also said that Ava is usually shy around unfamiliar faces.

DISCUSS this question in class:

What developmentally appropriate activities can Zari include in her babysitter’s activity box to encourage Ava’s language skills?

ANALYZE the following statements about the case study to decide which are true and which are false.

- T F It is a good idea for Zari to arrange for a visit to Ava’s home before the actual babysitting experience.

- T F If Ava is shy around Zari when they first meet, Zari should refuse to accept the job.

- T F It is important for Zari to be a good role model while she is babysitting.

- T F After Ava falls asleep, Zari can assume that she has privileges at the house, such as Internet use, free food from the refrigerator, and unlimited television.