

A New Job Skill



Pre-reading

Questions:

- Have you lost a job? What did you do?

Definitions:

- Laid off – to lose one’s job due to company changes
- Technical school – a school that offers two-year degrees for trades and for transfers to four-year programs

Reading

16 The plant where Raul works closed. Raul is laid off. He cannot find a job in
34 town that uses his skills. He does not want to move. He wants to learn a new job
34 skill.

35 Raul calls Kris at the technical school. “I need to learn some new job skills.
50 When do you hold classes?” Raul asks. Kris replies, “We have classes during the
64 day and in the evening.”

69 “How long would it take me to finish?” asks Raul. “Most programs are two
83 years long. That is one reason why students come to our school,” Kris says. “Other
98 reasons are cost and class size. Both are lower than at other schools.”

111 “Could I visit your school on Friday?” Raul asks. “Yes” says Kris, “I’ll see
125 you then.”

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Understanding

1. Why did Raul lose his job? _____

2. Who does Raul call? Why? _____

3. When are classes held? _____

4. At technical schools, the cost and class sizes are _____ than at other schools.
5. When will Raul visit the school? _____

Writing

Choice A: Retell the story in your own words.

Choice B: Have you thought about a new job skill? Why or why not? What new job skill would you like to learn?
