Teacher Answer Key

Case Study

1. Andre expected supplies like diapers and formula to dominate, but childcare was far larger at $1,150 a month. The reading identifies childcare as the biggest single line item for most working families, and it is easy to overlook because it is not something people picture when they imagine a baby.

2. His teacher pointed out the twelve hours a week Andre would lose from work for appointments and sick days. Over a year that is hundreds of lost hours of pay, which shrinks income at the same time expenses rise. Opportunity cost never appears on a receipt, so families miss it.

Multiple Choice

1. C

2. D

3. A

Matching

1-C, 2-E, 3-D, 4-B, 5-A

Fill-in-the-Blank

1) opportunity, 2) three, 3) load

Short Answer (Sample Responses)

Q1: Readiness depends on conditions, not birthdays. An older person without housing or support may be less ready than a younger person with steady income and family nearby. Age does not tell you whether the four readiness areas are covered.

Q2: The heaviest demands, including waking every two to three hours, ease as the infant's sleep consolidates. Calling it temporary helps a parent lower standards on housework and accept help without feeling like they are failing permanently.

Q3: Emergencies leave no time to figure out who can help. A parent who already knows who will pick up the child when the car breaks down just makes a call, instead of losing a shift while trying to find someone.