Teacher Answer Key

Case Study

1. A rule that exists only in a parent's head becomes a nightly negotiation the tired parent usually loses, so writing it down settles it in advance. Including himself matters because children model what adults do, and a rule the parents ignore is recognized as unfair almost immediately.

2. Autoplay removes any natural stopping point, so every ending feels like something being taken away. Without it the show simply ends, which gives Simone a clear boundary she can see coming, and the reading notes that transition warnings prevent a child from being ambushed.

Multiple Choice

1. C

2. B

3. C

Matching

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

Fill-in-the-Blank

1) chatting, 2) hour, 3) co-viewing

Short Answer (Sample Responses)

Q1: Toddlers under about thirty months learn much less from video than from a live person, because learning at that age depends on responsive back-and-forth. Video chat is an exception because the person on the other end reacts, waits, and answers, which a recorded show cannot do.

Q2: Every screen hour is an hour taken from something else, and the something else is what matters. Screens most often displace sleep, unstructured play, conversation, and physical activity, all of which do real developmental work that a screen cannot substitute for.

Q3: No devices at the dinner table protects conversation, which drives language development. Charging devices outside the bedroom protects sleep, since evening screen use delays sleep onset and reduces total sleep at every age.