

# Asking Questions

## Pre-reading



### Questions:

- Is it easy for you to ask questions? Why or why not?

### Definitions:

- Earn – to gain or get because of one’s work or efforts
- Prefer – to like something better than another
- Correct – right or true, without mistakes

## Reading

15 Marge has worked at her job for one year. She has earned one week’s worth  
32 of vacation time. She has questions about it. Is it paid or unpaid? Does she get two  
36 weeks the next year?  
52 She sees her boss and asks, “Is this a good time to talk?” Her boss **replies**,  
65 “Yes, I have a few minutes. What would you like to talk about?”  
80 Marge says, “I have worked here one year. I would like to use my vacation  
97 time. Is my one week of vacation time paid or unpaid? What about next year? Do I  
106 get two weeks of vacation time my second year?”  
120 “I’m glad you asked,” said her boss. “I prefer to have my workers ask  
134 questions and get correct information. You have one week of paid vacation this year  
139 and next year,” he answered.  
153 Marge is glad she asked. Now she can enjoy a week away from work.

## Understanding

1. How long has Marge worked at her job? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Why does Marge ask her boss if “this is a good time to talk”? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. What are her questions about? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. What does the word **reply** mean? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. How does Marge’s boss feel about his workers asking questions? Why does he feel that way? \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Writing

Choice A: Retell the story in your own words.

Choice B: What questions do you ask on the job or at school?

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