

TAKING ACTION

LOOKING FOR WORK

Jonita Johnson was anxious to start working and earning some money. She went to Mr. Sandoval, her work experience coordinator, to ask him what she needed to do to be ready to look for a job.

“First, you’ll need to be very clear on what you want from a job,” Mr. Sandoval said.

“I know I want to be a hair stylist eventually, but I don’t have the qualifications to be a stylist now,” Jonita said. “The classes I’m taking in school will get me ready for the state licensing exam. Also, I’ll need to earn some money to help out at home.”

“O.K. You just said two things. First, you are looking for a job in a beauty salon that is paid. Second, this position should help you gain valuable experience so you can get a good job once you pass the state licensing exam. Do you know anyone who works in a hair salon?” he asked.

“Well, one of my teachers mentioned that she knew someone who owned her own shop. She might be hiring,” she replied.

“That’s great!” Mr. Sandoval said. “Do you think your teacher will put in a good word for you?”

“I think so. My grades are good in her class and she likes my work.”

“Write down all the information your teacher can give you about this job lead. Next, look in the newspaper for job openings. The Sunday paper usually has the most help-wanted

ads. Cut out the ads that sound promising, and follow up on all the job leads,” Mr. Sandoval instructed.

“I have no idea how I’m going to keep all that information straight, Mr. Sandoval,” she said.

“Let me show you how job lead cards can help.”

SUCCESS TIP
*Ask your friends, family,
and teachers for job
leads.*

THINK CRITICALLY

1. What was the first step to finding a job that Mr. Sandoval discussed?
2. In your chosen field, do you know anyone who might give you a job lead?