

# Unit 15

1. *A Place Called Freedom* is a story written by Scott Sanders. In it he describes a town in Ohio that was established by slaves who escaped to the North during the Civil War. More and more people came to the town. They heard about it even in the South. Runaway slaves knew that if they could reach Ohio, they would finally be safe. Many of them found a home in Freedom.

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2. Two hurricanes passed through the area in a two-week period. It seemed as if it was raining all the time. Sometimes the downpour was very heavy. The ground, already saturated with water, couldn't hold tree roots in place. Trees had toppled across roads and onto buildings. A section of a major highway was closed. The soil beneath that part had washed away and slid into the river.

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3. Driving in the mountains is different from driving where the land is flat. It seems as if you are always going either uphill or downhill. Weather conditions that would not be worrisome in the flatlands can be a big problem in the mountains. A heavy rain can cause flash flooding at the base of any hill. An inch or two of snow can bring everything to a stop.

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4. Luisa lived in a house close to some beautiful woods. Most of the time, she loved where she lived. Spring and fall were colorful times, and a winter snow made the woods seem like a fairyland. Sometimes, however, the woods made her nervous. For instance, one time someone left the garage door open all day. The black snake that wandered in certainly was not a welcome visitor!

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5. A fossil is the remains of a plant or animal that once lived on Earth. The word **fossil** comes from a Latin word that means "dug up." Some fossils are very old. Scientists have found fossils of prehistoric plants and animals. Fossils are the reason we know about dinosaurs. One reason that scientists study fossils is to learn about the sizes of dinosaurs. Some dinosaurs were quite small. Others were huge!

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1. The town was named *Freedom* because
  - (A) it was in Ohio.
  - (B) it was established by former slaves.
  - (C) it became very famous.
  - (D) it was named after Scott Freedom.

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2. What caused part of the highway to be closed?
  - (A) Trees fell across it.
  - (B) Part of it was washed into the river.
  - (C) The rain was very heavy at times.
  - (D) Another hurricane was coming.

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3. What causes driving in the mountains to be different?
  - (A) There is more rain.
  - (B) You are almost always going up or down.
  - (C) It seems to snow more often.
  - (D) The flatlands have better weather.

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4. Luisa was sometimes nervous because
  - (A) the woods were so close to the house.
  - (B) animals came out of the woods.
  - (C) the woods were dangerous in winter.
  - (D) it was lonely where she lived.

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5. What is one effect of scientists studying dinosaur fossils?
  - (A) They learned that the fossils had not been buried long.
  - (B) They learned that all the fossils look alike.
  - (C) They learned the size of some dinosaurs.
  - (D) They learned that all dinosaurs were huge.