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Moving Day

Candy knew she should be sad, but she wasn't. Today, her family was moving to the state of New York. They would be at their new home any minute. She had lived in Kentucky since she was born. Even though she was only eleven years old, Candy had been to many places around the world because her parents loved to travel. Going to different places was not new to her. However, moving to a different place was definitely a new experience. Candy knew she would miss her old house and her old friends. She hoped the new place would feel like home soon.

Three months ago, Candy and her parents had gone to New York to look for a house. When most people think about New York, they think about the city, tall buildings, and lots of people. Candy and her family were not moving to the city. They were moving to a large farm in the northern part of the state. The best part of the move was that Candy would finally live near her grandparents. Her grandparents' farm was only a few miles from her new house. Her aunt and uncle also lived in the same town. They had a daughter the same age as Candy. She would have a cousin who would be in her same grade when she started her new school.

The car her father was driving turned into a long driveway. With her nose pressed against the car window, Candy looked at her new home. Standing on the porch were her grandparents, her aunt and uncle, and her cousin.

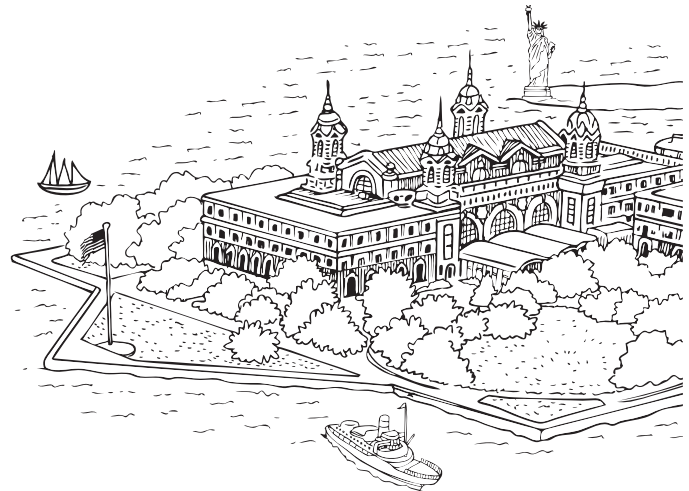
Her father put the car in park, and Candy quickly opened the door. She could not wait to see everyone again. Candy was certain that today was more than a moving day; it was the start of a new adventure!



The Empire State

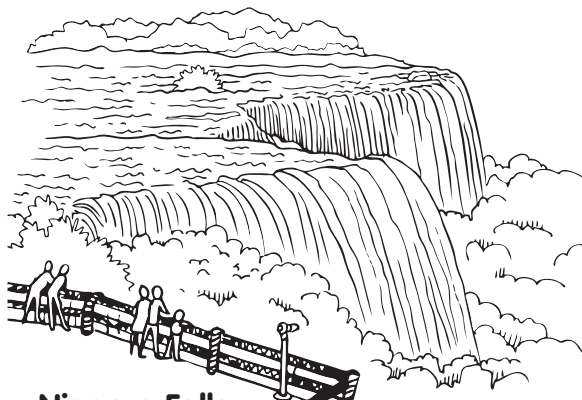
The state of New York is in the northeastern part of the United States of America. The state's nickname is the Empire State because of the many resources and wealth of the state. The capital city of New York is Albany. Many people think only of the "Big Apple" or New York City when they hear the words "New York." Yet this state is famous for many other reasons.

The Statue of Liberty is in New York Harbor. The famous statue is the first thing many people see when they come to America by boat. The statue was a gift from the country of France. Ellis Island is also located in New York Harbor. Ellis Island was once the first stop for people moving to America. The building is now a tourist attraction. Many people visit Ellis Island each year to see what this was like for those coming to America.



Ellis Island

Niagara Falls is also in New York. The falls are actually made of three waterfalls. Two of the falls are in New York. The other waterfall is in Canada. The falls are a beautiful part of the state. Over the years, people have done some unusual and dangerous things at Niagara Falls. People have even attempted to go over the falls in nothing except a barrel! Some survived their daredevil attempts, but others were not so lucky.



Niagara Falls

New York has much to offer people who live there. Visitors to New York are also lucky to experience all the wonders of the state. If you have never been to New York, maybe someday you will be lucky enough to go!

**UNIT 3
QUESTIONS****Name****Date**

The following pages have questions based on the texts from Unit 3. You may look at the stories to help answer any questions. Use the back of the page if you need extra space for writing your answers.

- 1** Which sentence best explains why New York is called the Empire State?
- a** The state of New York is in the northeastern part of the United States of America.
 - b** The state's nickname is the Empire State because of the many resources and wealth of the state.
 - c** The capital city of New York is Albany.
 - d** The Statue of Liberty is in New York Harbor.

- 2** Based on the text "The Empire State," which statement is correct?
- a** The capital of New York is New York City.
 - b** People who immigrate to America must still go through Ellis Island.
 - c** The Statue of Liberty was a gift from England.
 - d** Part of Niagara Falls is in Canada.

- 3** Write the sentence or sentences you found in the text that best helped you to find the correct answer for #2.

- 4** Circle the face that best shows how Candy feels about moving to New York.



- 5** Write a sentence from the text that best supports the answer you chose for #4.

UNIT 3
QUESTIONS

Name _____

Date _____

6 Based on the text, which word best describes how Candy feels about moving near her relatives?

☐ (a) sad

☐ (c) excited

☐ (b) nervous

☐ (d) scared

7 What is the purpose of this sentence from the story "Moving Day"?

With her nose pressed against the car window, Candy looked at her new home.

☐ (a) It shows Candy doesn't want to miss seeing anything as she arrives at her new home.

☐ (b) It shows that Candy wants to write on the car window.

☐ (c) It shows that Candy wants to make a funny face for her relatives to see.

☐ (d) It shows that Candy wants to get out of the car.

8 What is the main purpose of the text "The Empire State"?

☐ (a) to inform

☐ (b) to entertain

☐ (c) to illustrate

☐ (d) to persuade

9 What is most likely true about Candy?

☐ (a) She hates for things to change.

☐ (b) She likes new experiences.

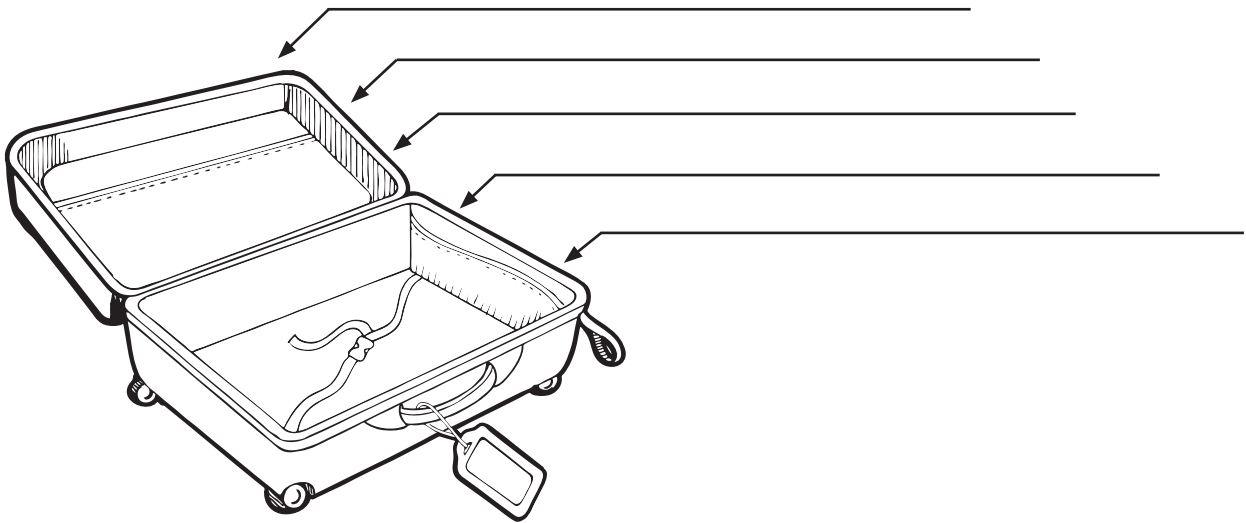
☐ (c) She is very shy.

☐ (d) She is homesick.

10 Write the sentence or sentences from the text that helped you to answer #9.

Time to Write!

Look at the picture of the suitcase. Imagine you were moving, but you could only take five things with you (not including your clothes or family). What five things would you take? Write what you would take on the lines next to the suitcase.



Think about the items you listed next to the suitcase. Which item is the most important to you? Use the space below to write about the item that is most important. Tell what the item is. Explain why it is so important. Tell why you would want to take it with you. Explain how you would feel if you did not have the item with you.

If I were moving, the one item I would have to take with me would be . . .
