Grade 5 Unit 4

**The Best Place to Skateboard**

 Sam, Marco, and Jade stood in front of the sign, staring in disbelief. “Construction zone. Do not enter!” Sam read.

“Unbelievable!” said Jade. “That was the perfect place to skateboard. Where are we supposed to skateboard now?”

Glumly, Marco spun the urethane wheels on his board. “The nearest skate park is too far away,” he said.

Sam looked thoughtful. “I have some work to do in the library,” he said.

For the rest of the week, Sam went to the library every day after school. Marco and Jade hardly saw him.

Finally, Jade said to Sam, “You don’t have to give up skateboarding just because we don’t have a good place to practice! Why are you always at the library?” Sam just said that he was working on something. Marco and Jade didn’t see him after school the next week, either.

On Saturday, Sam showed up at Marco’s house. Marco and Jade were in the driveway on their skateboards. “ask your parents if you can walk with me to the warehouse where my mom works,” Sam said. “Bring your boards and your gear. I want to show you something.”

The three friends walked to the warehouse. Sam led the way to an area behind the building.

“Look at those ramps!” said Jade.

“Where did you get the money to buy them?” asked Marco.

“I didn’t buy them,” answered Sam. “I built them. I researched the plans in the library. Then I got the wood from the warehouse. It was left over from a job. My mom’s boss said I could use the wood to build the ramps. He even said that we could skate here on the weekends!”

“Way to go, Sam!” said Marco. “Now let’s practice some ollies!”