

Las Uvas ~ Grapes



Do you know which grapes are Thompson seedless, Ribiers, or Red Malagas? Esperanza does!

Stone Fruit



Clingstone
peaches

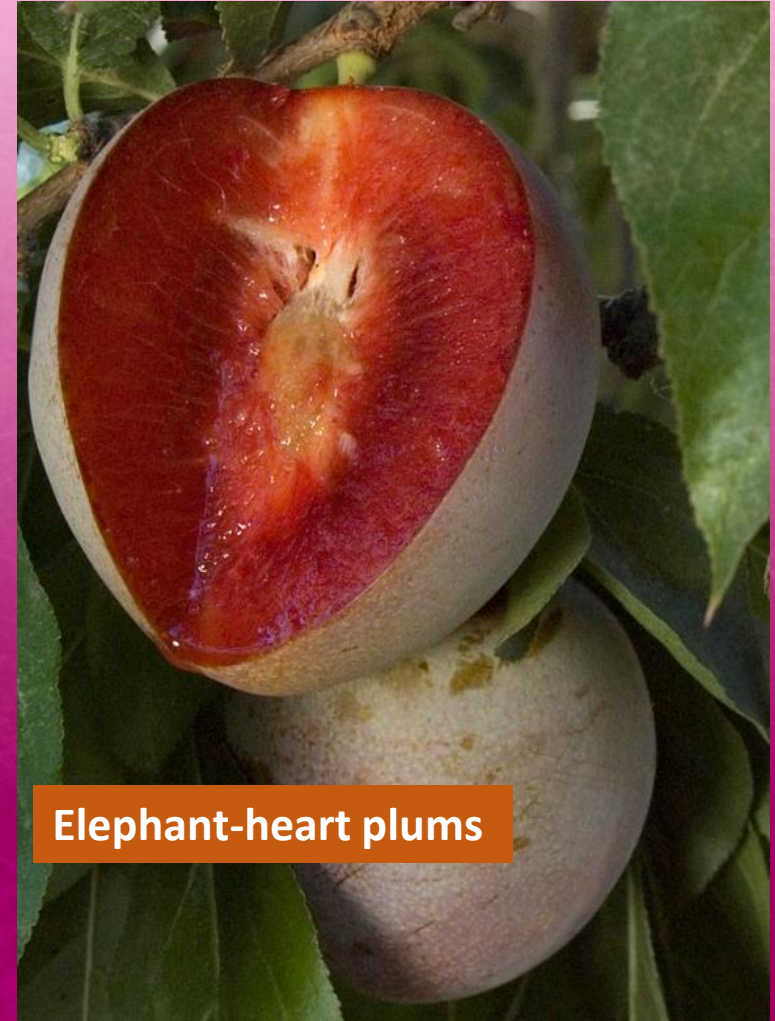
Yellow

White

A “stone” in fruit is a pit rather than seeds. Freestone fruit like many plum varieties have pits that pop right out. Clingstone fruit have pits that are hard to release.



Flaming Gold
nectarines

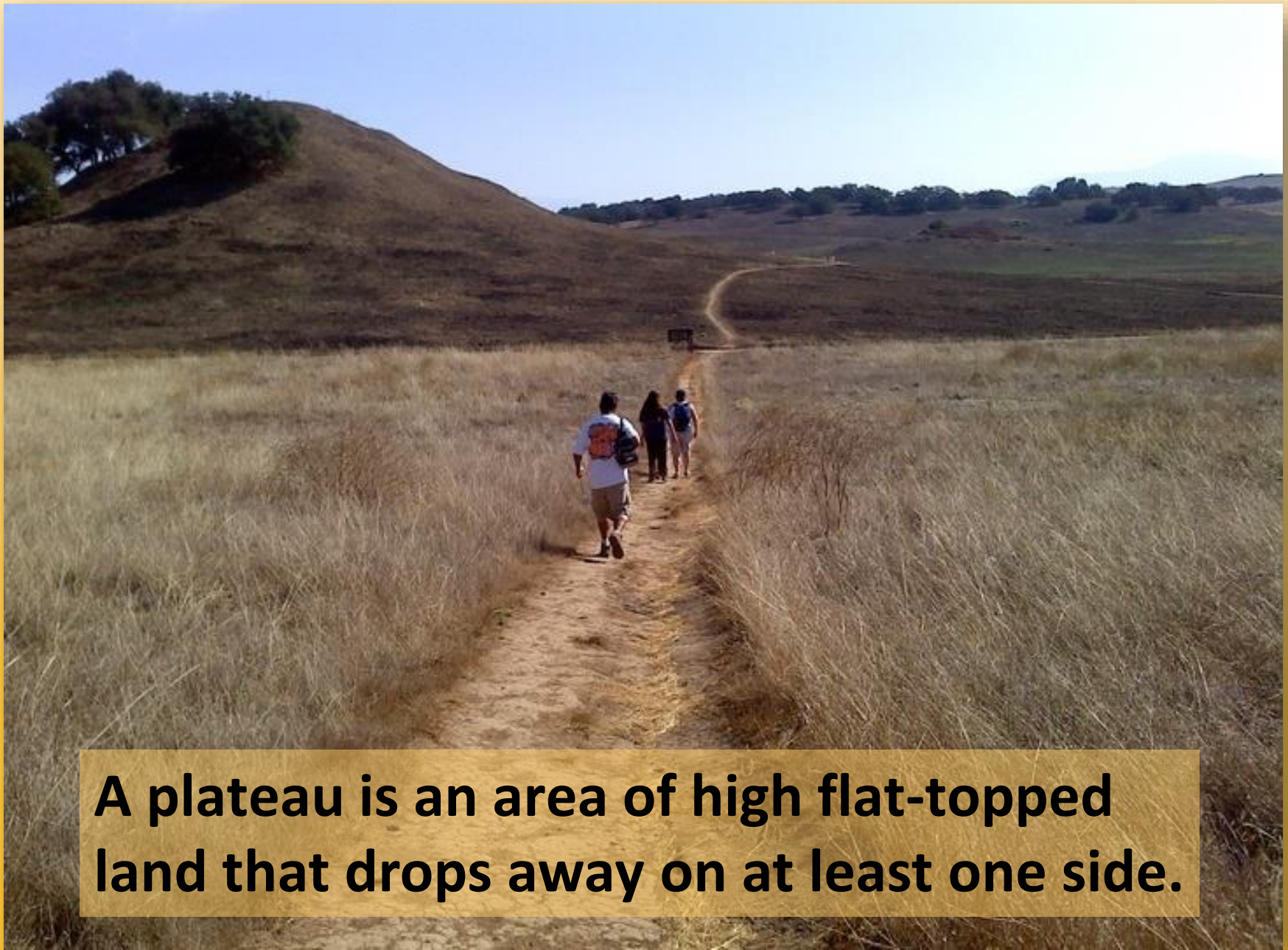


Elephant-heart plums



Above: The Greyhound Bus Station in Bakersfield, California today
Below: A Greyhound bus from the Depression era

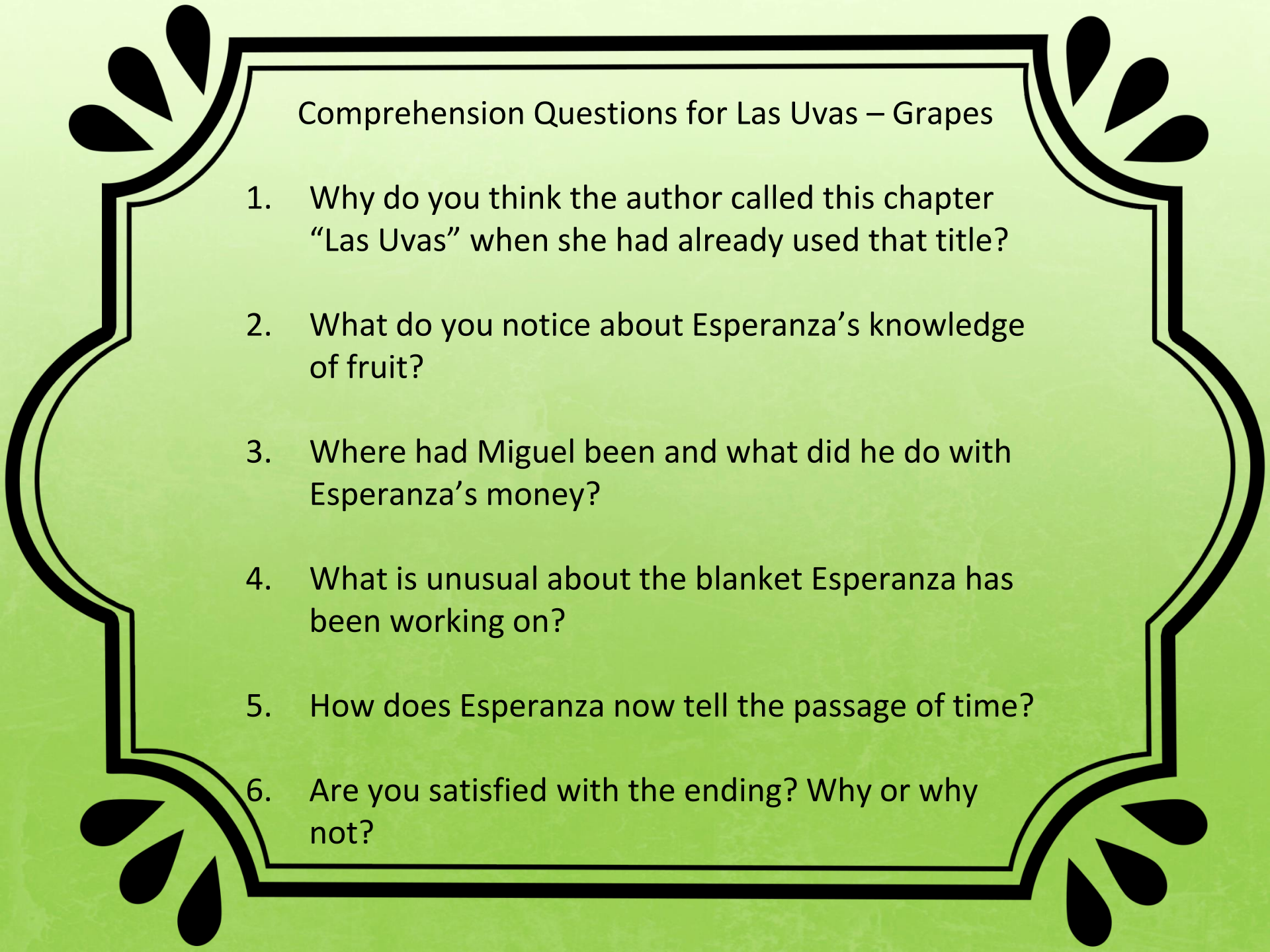




A plateau is an area of high flat-topped land that drops away on at least one side.

What does Esperanza experience up on the plateau?



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Comprehension Questions for Las Uvas – Grapes

1. Why do you think the author called this chapter “Las Uvas” when she had already used that title?
2. What do you notice about Esperanza’s knowledge of fruit?
3. Where had Miguel been and what did he do with Esperanza’s money?
4. What is unusual about the blanket Esperanza has been working on?
5. How does Esperanza now tell the passage of time?
6. Are you satisfied with the ending? Why or why not?