

Snow Emergency

Pre-reading

Questions:

- What do you know about the subject of this reading?
- What questions do you have about the subject?

Definitions:

- Update – current reports
- Declare – to announce or make something known in a formal way
- Impound lot – storage area for towed vehicles



Reading

13 Don listens to the weather report on his radio every morning. Today the
28 forecaster says, “We can expect to see six inches of snow by evening. Listen for
44 more updates throughout the day.” Don plans to keep his radio on most of the day.
56 Six inches of snow could mean a snow emergency in the city.

69 Last winter Don did not know about snow emergencies; what they were or
81 what they meant. It cost him a lot of time and money.

95 It happened last December. It had been snowing all day. There were at least
111 three inches of new snow on the ground. Don came home from work and parked on
118 the street in front of his house.

135 He got up the next morning and got ready for work. He put on his heavy coat
153 and gloves and went out to scrape the snow and ice off of his car. Much to his
164 surprise, he had no car to scrape. His car was gone!

176 Don exclaimed, “Oh, no! My car has been stolen!” A neighbor approached
190 him and said, “Don what’s wrong?” Don replied, “My car is gone! Someone stole
192 my car!”

205 The neighbor pointed to the red “Snow Emergency Route” sign on the street
220 and said, “Your car wasn’t stolen, Don. It was towed. When a snow emergency is
234 declared, all car owners must remove their cars from the Snow Emergency Routes or
253 their cars will be towed. I’ll give you a ride to the impound lot.” Don had to pay a
261 **fine** of \$118.00 to get his car back.

Understanding

1. Where does Don get his weather news? _____

2. What happened to Don's car last winter? Why did it happen? _____

3. Where did he find it? _____

4. Who helped Don find his car? _____

5. What does the word **fine** mean in this story? _____

Writing

Choice A: Retell the story in your own words.

Choice B: Write about the snow emergency rules where you live.

Choice C: Write about a time your car was towed. What did you do?
