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Clouds from a Cup

A science class placed a clear lid over a cup of warm water. After a few minutes, tiny drops appeared on the underside of the lid. Some water had evaporated from the cup. When the water vapor reached the cooler lid, it changed back into liquid. This change is called condensation.



1. **Where did the drops form?**

2. **What is condensation?**

3. **Why was the lid important to the demonstration?**

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A Seat on the Bus

The bus was full when Mina got on with a poster for school. She tried to hold it flat, but it bent each time the bus turned. A passenger pointed to an empty space under the front seat. Mina slid the poster into the space, where it stayed flat until her stop. She thanked the passenger before getting off.



1. **What problem did Mina face?**

2. **How did the passenger help?**

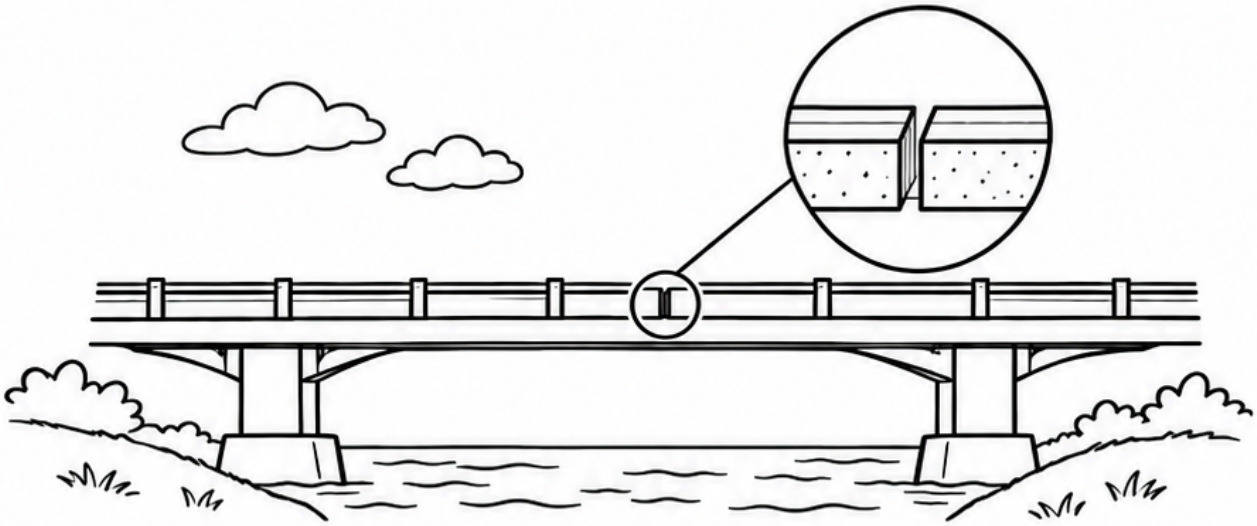
3. **Which detail shows the solution worked?**

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Why Bridges Expand

Metal expands when it gets warmer and shrinks when it cools. A bridge can therefore change length slightly as the weather changes. Some bridges have small gaps called expansion joints. These joints give the structure room to move without pushing hard against nearby parts.



1. **What happens to metal as it warms?**

2. **What is an expansion joint?**

3. **How does a joint help a bridge?**

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A Garden in the Shade

Elena expected every plant in the shaded courtyard to grow slowly. Then she found ferns thriving under the steps. She learned that some plants do well without direct sunlight. Elena moved her new fern near the others and checked the soil each day. Two weeks later, a curled green leaf began to open.



1. **What did Elena expect at first?**

2. **What changed her mind?**

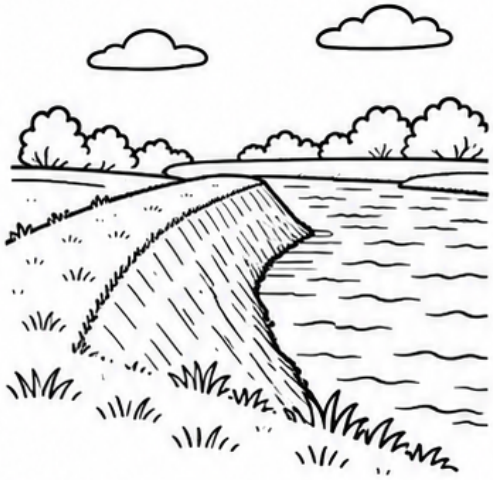
3. **What shows that her fern was growing?**

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The Work of a Levee

A levee is a raised bank beside a river. When rain raises the water level, the levee helps keep water from spreading into nearby land. Some levees are built from packed earth. They must be inspected for cracks and weak spots, because flowing water can wear away damaged areas.



1. What is a levee?

2. When is it especially useful?

3. Why do people inspect levees?

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A Different Plan

Evan and Lila practiced a puppet show in the library. Their cardboard stage was too wide to fit through the doorway. Evan wanted to build a smaller stage. Lila noticed that the side panels could be removed. They took off the panels, carried the pieces into the room, and put the stage back together.



1. **Why could they not move the stage at first?**

2. **What did Lila notice?**

3. **How did the final plan differ from Evan's first idea?**

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Reading a Recipe Twice

A recipe can contain directions that are easy to miss. Reading it all the way through helps a cook find steps that take extra time. For example, dough may need to chill before it can be rolled out. A second reading also helps the cook find ingredients and tools before starting.



1. Why read the recipe all the way through?

2. What example of an extra step is given?

3. What is the purpose of a second reading?

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The First Practice

Nadia wanted to join the school band, but she could play only two notes on the flute. Her teacher asked her to practice switching between them slowly. At first, the change made a squeak. Nadia kept her fingers close to the keys and tried again. By the end of practice, she could switch notes smoothly.



1. What did the teacher ask Nadia to do?

2. What happened at first?

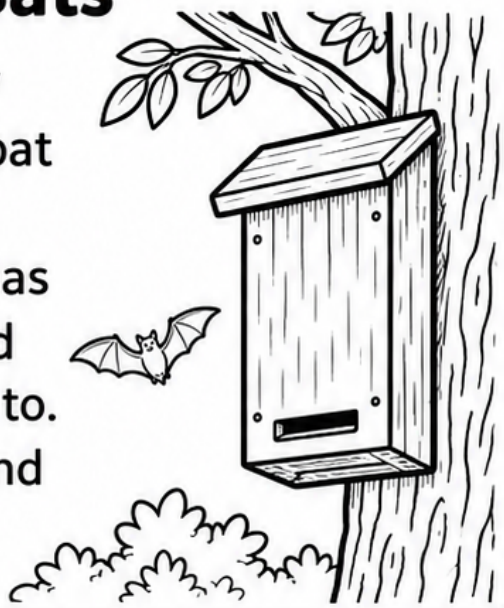
3. How did Nadia improve?

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A Home for Bats

Some bats spend the day in narrow spaces where they are sheltered. A bat box can offer another place to rest where natural spaces are limited. It has a small entrance near the bottom and rough surfaces inside for bats to cling to. The best design and placement depend on the bats in the area.



1. **What can a bat box provide?**

2. **Why are the inside surfaces rough?**

3. **What affects the best design and placement?**

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