AI stories from Dominican Republic



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Two imagined local cases for readers to discuss. Each turns on a choice someone can make when a tool gives an answer that needs checking.

The unheard number

At a service desk in Santo Domingo, Lara watched the screen tell her father to listen for a number. He could read the instructions, but he could not hear the announcement. The assistant marked the family’s turn as finished.

Lara asked the clerk whether their number could also appear on the screen. The clerk pulled up the request and found that all the details were still there. Her father asked to keep the same place in the queue.

Before they left, the clerk tried the request again with the speaker turned down. This time she wrote down exactly where it failed and gave Lara’s father the receipt for his original turn.

> **Discuss.** Where would you start the clock when measuring how long this visit took?

One permission missing

In Santiago, an archivist was preparing a small exhibition of merengue recordings. Her assistant matched an unlabelled reel to a catalogue entry and offered to play a sample on the exhibition page. The voices matched a concert her colleague remembered.

The archivist opened the paper agreement. The musicians had let the archive preserve the reel. There was a blank space next to public playback. A confident match on the screen could do nothing about that empty space.

She published a description of the reel and sent a separate question to the person listed in the agreement. Visitors could still discover the recording while the archive waited for an answer.

> **Discuss.** What could the archive share straight away, and what needed another decision?