AI stories from French Guiana



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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 appointment on the other bank

Lina circles Tuesday on the calendar in Saint-Laurent-du-Maroni. Her little brother has an appointment. The message gives a time, a building and a cheerful green tick. At breakfast their uncle asks the question the message missed. Which boat will get them there that early?

Lina takes the calendar to the booking desk. The clerk pulls up the same green tick. Together they trace the first leg of the journey with a finger. The clerk rings the other desk and finds a later slot they can reach.

Lina adds one line to the family calendar: ask about the journey before you pack. She leaves a copy of the question with the clerk.

> **Discuss.** What should a booking assistant ask before it calls a time suitable?

A yellow patch on the map

On a screen in Cayenne, a yellow patch appears beside a creek. The draft report calls it a new unauthorised mine. A forest analyst reaches for an older map before anyone sends the report onward. The yellow layer records disturbed ground. Its legend says nothing about a permit.

Her colleague finds part of the same clearing on an earlier image. Another part is hidden by cloud. They keep the flag, cross out the accusation and ask the land officer to check the records.

At the next briefing the analyst shows both dates. One question remains open, with a named person responsible for answering it.

> **Discuss.** Which evidence would justify changing the word “disturbed” to a finding about responsibility?