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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 two notices on the fridge

Amari spotted two sailing notices on his grandmother’s fridge. One had the larger writing. The other had a date in the corner and a line drawn under the word “freight”. He wanted to know which one would bring his cousin over to Montserrat.

He tried a pretend travel helper he had built for school. It chose the big notice because its heading said “departure”. His grandmother handed him her pencil. “Circle the words that say a person can go.” He could find none.

They rang the operator together. Then Amari added a question to his school helper. Before giving a time, it had to ask whether the passenger was a person or a parcel. His grandmother insisted the date go in big writing too.

> **Discuss.** Which detail would help Amari recognise an old notice even if somebody forwards it today?

The last printed copy

When a practice alert arrived at the desk in Brades, the duty editor replaced the draft on the website and changed the telephone script. Her checklist still showed one blank square. A printed map had gone to a shop before lunch.

A colleague offered to tick it off because the shopkeeper had a mobile phone. She rang instead. The shopkeeper had forwarded the message but left the earlier map taped beside the till for customers who came in without phones.

They marked the old sheet withdrawn and arranged for a dated copy to go up. After the exercise, the editor added every physical display to the distribution list. The slowest part of the drill had been finding the paper.

> **Discuss.** Who should confirm that a withdrawn notice has actually disappeared from the places people read it?