AI stories from US Virgin Islands



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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 ferry answer with no date

At Cruz Bay, Talia and her grandfather were working out when to leave for a visit to St Thomas. An assistant on her phone gave a sailing time. There was no date on the answer. At the terminal, a card in the window showed a different time.

Talia asked the attendant which sailing the card described. The card was for today. The phone had repeated a timetable someone saved last month. She wrote the confirmed time on the back of their shopping list and added the name of the terminal.

When her cousin asked for the answer that evening, Talia sent the operator’s contact as well. Tomorrow’s passengers would need tomorrow’s information.

> **Discuss.** Which details should Talia look for the next time an assistant gives a sailing time?

Two pictures of the same reef

A survey worker on St John laid two reef photographs beside an assistant’s report. Last year’s image showed clear outlines. This year’s looked pale and cloudy. The draft report blamed a nearby activity and was ready to email.

Maya checked the field notes. The second photographer had written that visibility was poor. She could still recognise the survey marker, but could not judge the patch the software had coloured red. She asked the field team for another observation and held the email.

Her log kept both photographs and the reason for the delay. When the project counted its results, this case went into the column for observations still needed.

> **Discuss.** What could the survey team publish while it waits for enough evidence to identify the cause?