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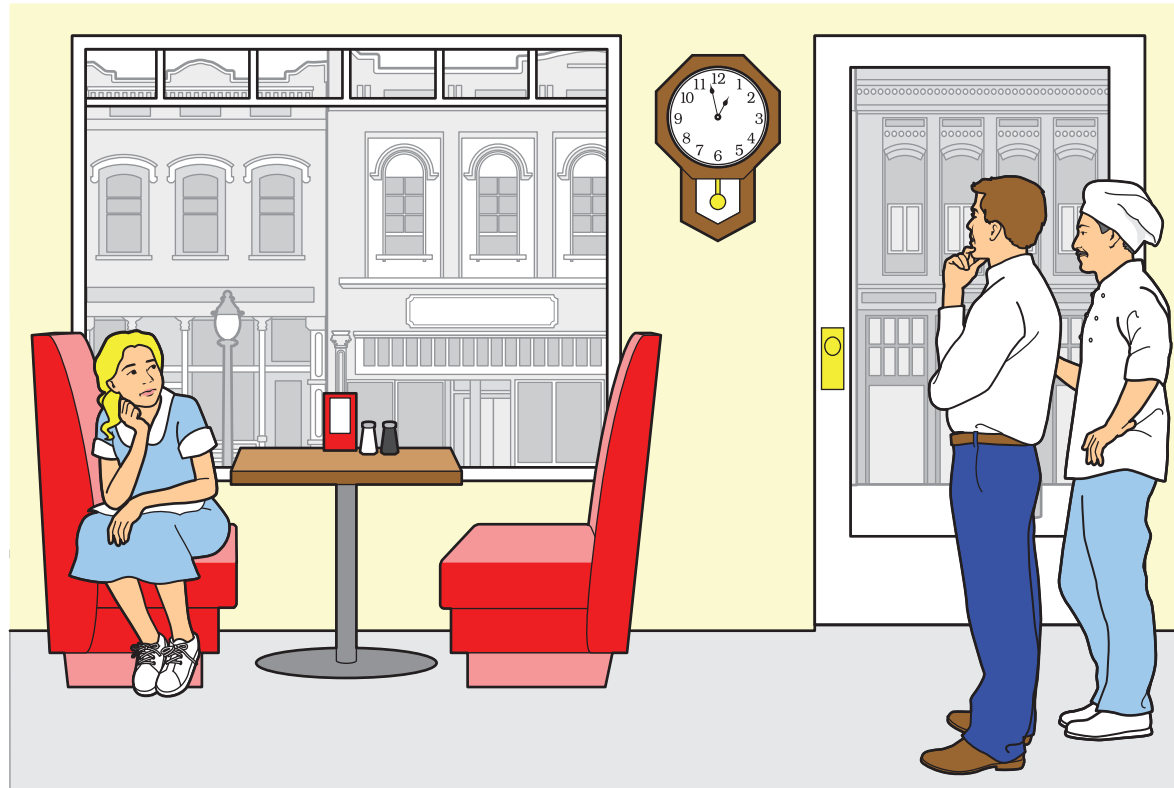


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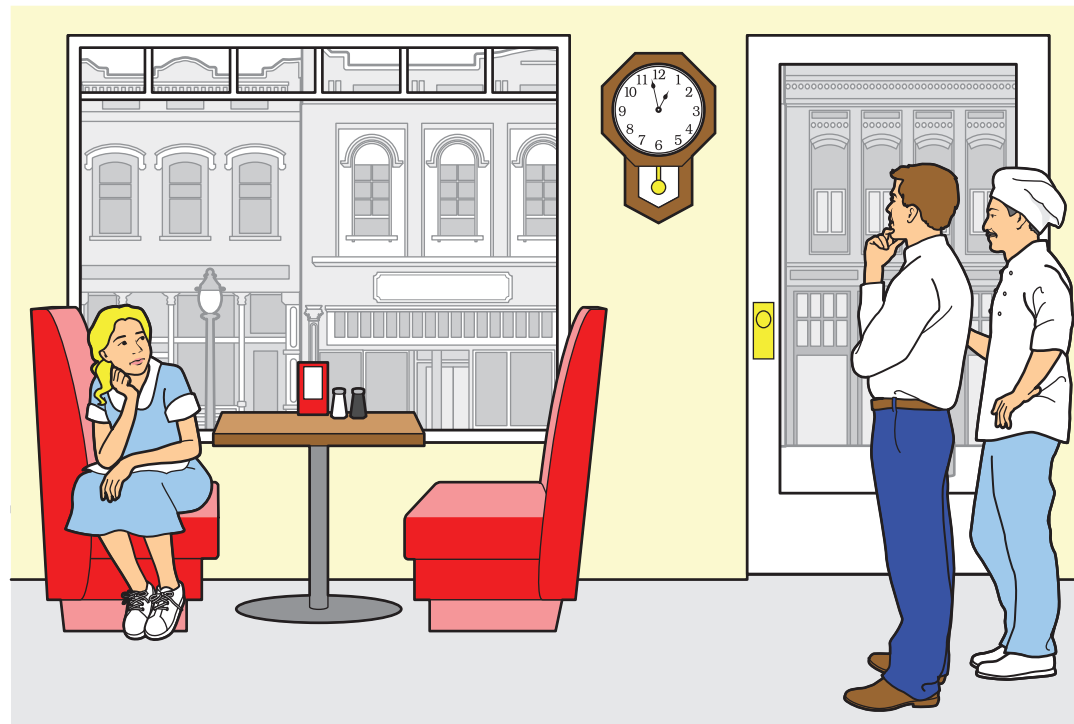
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Main Street Makeover



Anna sat at a table in her family's restaurant with a sad frown on her face. No one was in the restaurant except Anna's father and Carlo, the chef.



The restaurant used to be full of people, but not anymore. Even the sidewalks on Main Street seemed deserted since all the people had gone to the new mall to shop and eat.

2b

busy

empty

"We can't run businesses on Main Street without any customers," Anna said. "Mrs. Betty hasn't sold a pair of shoes this weekend. And Mr. Peterson, the barber, gave only two haircuts."

The bells over the restaurant door rang as Mrs. Betty entered.

"Hi, Anna!" Mrs. Betty said as she handed Anna a bag. "I wanted to give you this gift to thank you for cleaning my windows yesterday. My store sparkles like new! Anyone who walks by will surely want to come inside and shop."

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Suddenly Anna had an idea. "That's it!" she said. "We can make Main Street sparkle and shine so that people will want to shop and eat downtown instead of at the mall!"



Mrs. Betty and Anna's father looked at each other. "What's wrong?" Anna asked.

"It's just that Main Street needs a lot of fixing up," Anna's father explained.

"It's too big of a job for us to handle," said Mrs. Betty.

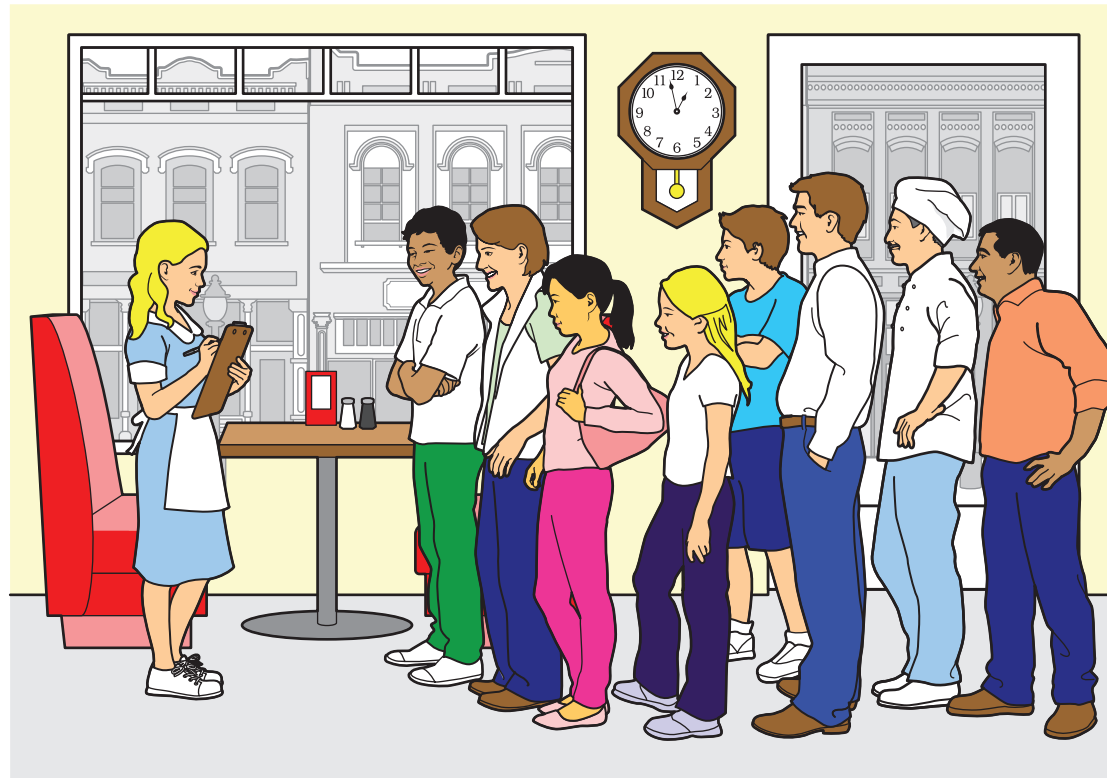
"We don't have to do it by ourselves," Anna explained. "I'm going to ask everyone to help. We'll have a Main Street Makeover!"

Anna hears the bells over the restaurant door ring when Mrs. Betty enters.

Anna realizes that Mrs. Betty has not sold a pair of shoes and Mr. Peterson has given only two haircuts all weekend.

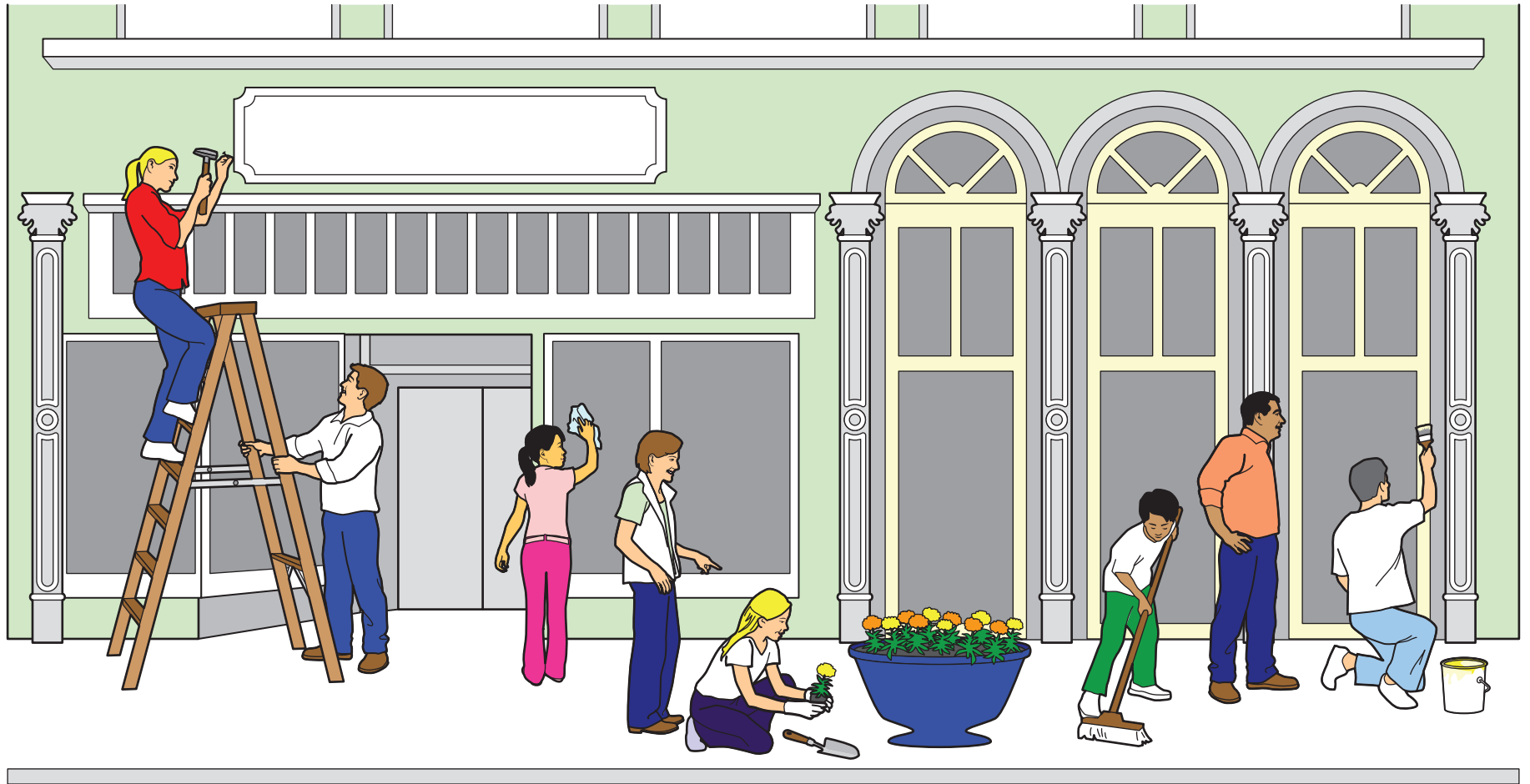
Mrs. Betty thanks Anna for making her store windows sparkle so much that people will want to come inside and shop.

Anna made posters advertising her idea for the Main Street Makeover. When the day of the Main Street Makeover arrived, many shop owners, neighbors, and even Anna's friends from school came into the restaurant to help.



Anna organized groups. Mr. Peterson led the painting crew. Mrs. Betty's group replanted the big flowerpots on the sidewalks. Anna's father and Carlo led the group repairing old boards on the buildings. Finally, Anna's friends from school shined windows and washed the sidewalk. The Main Street Makeover had begun.

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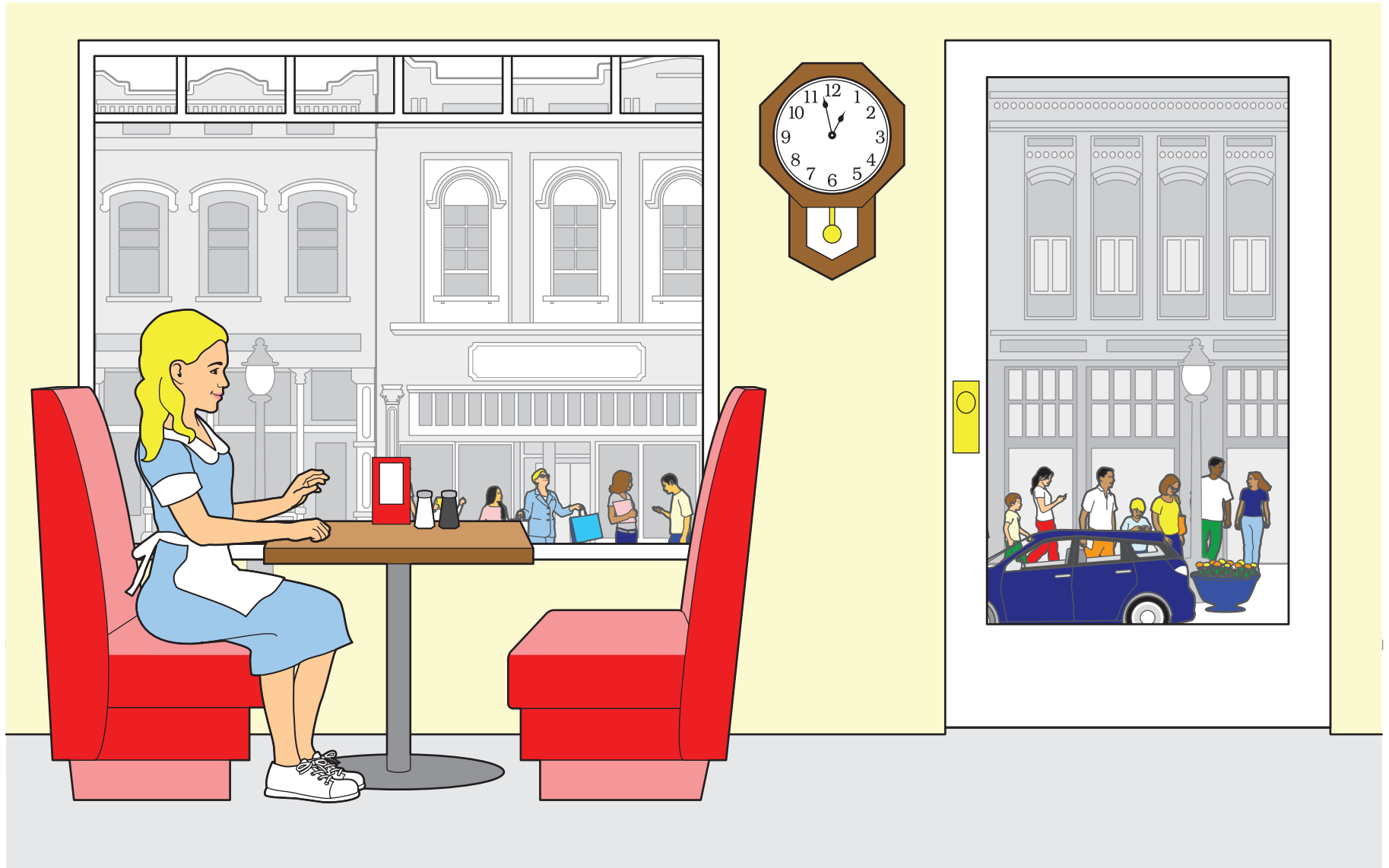
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Three weeks later, Mr. Peterson came into the restaurant for his coffee and said, "You look busy, Anna."

"I'm never too busy to get your coffee," Anna said.

"I have to hurry because I have someone coming in for a haircut in a few minutes," Mr. Peterson said with a smile. "Business sure is better on Main Street, thanks to your makeover!"

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Skyscraper Window Washers



Every day all around the world, thousands of window washers begin their morning by hanging from the tops of skyscrapers.



Cleaning all the windows on a large skyscraper can take several months to finish. Thousands of courageous window washers begin their morning hanging by ropes from the tops of very tall city buildings with busy streets far below. They use buckets of soapy water and squeegees to clean the glass on the windows.

6b

polite

brave



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When skyscrapers were first built in the late 1800s, window washers would stand on the window ledges of tall buildings and hold on to the window frames while they cleaned. By the 1920s, window washers started wearing safety belts attached to the building.

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In the 1950s, a new style of skyscrapers were built in large cities all around the world. These smooth glass towers became known as glass curtain wall buildings. The window washers could not step out onto window ledges to do their work. They had to begin at the top of the building and then clean their way down the glass sides.



To do their job, skyscraper window washers needed new equipment. The Otis Elevator Company designed the first scaffold for skyscraper window washers. A scaffold is a platform that can be raised and lowered by cables attached to a machine on top of the building. Once the workers are finished with a section, the machine on top of the building lowers them to the next level of windows below.

The window washers' safety belts were old and needed to be replaced.

The window washers could not stand on window ledges because the sides of the new skyscrapers were made of all glass.

The window washers used equipment designed by the Otis Elevator Company that could move them up and down.

Because skyscrapers need frequent window washing, most of them are built with a flat roof. A flat roof is needed in order to use scaffolds to lower window washers down the glass sides of a building. But for buildings without a flat roof, such as the Empire State Building, window washers cannot use scaffolds.



8a



The Hearst Tower in New York City is another oddly shaped building with windows that cannot be cleaned using a scaffold. The Otis Elevator Company made a special platform that could move up and down in any direction. The ability of this equipment to move in any direction lets window washers with buckets and squeegees reach any window of this odd-shaped building.

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Someday, robots will probably replace human window washers because humans are always finding easier and less expensive ways of doing jobs. But until that day, washing skyscraper windows is a great job for people who like the excitement of hanging from ropes and working close to the sky.



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Luke likes Dr Pepper.



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Luke's favorite soft drink is Dr Pepper.

Luke was excited about going with his class to visit the Dr Pepper Museum in waco, texas. The museum is in the first building constructed to bottle Dr Pepper.



Waco, Texas

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At the museum, Luke learned that Dr Pepper was first served in 1885 and is still today.

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Luke also learned that Dr Pepper is a secret formula of 23 flavors that are blended together. This popular Texas soda was first created in 1885 by a pharmacist working at a

corner drug store in Waco, Texas. The Texas Rangers Hall of Fame is also in Waco, Texas. No one knows for certain how Dr Pepper got its name. At first, the drink didn't have a name, so people just called it Waco.

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