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A Small Problem

Mr. Brown pointed to the computer **screen**.

“What is this?” asked him.

“A pencil,” said Burt.

“A snake,” said Jimmy.

“No, it is a drinking **straw**. Can’t you see?” asked Mr. Brown.

“No, we can’t,” said Jane. “The sun is shining on the screen.”





The sun was very bright. Mr. Brown closed the **curtains** of the classroom window. That made the screen easier for the class to see. It also made the classroom very dark. One of the boys in the back of the room made noises like he was sleeping. The students **giggled**.

“Let’s get back to the lesson,” said Mr. Brown. “Look at this straw on the computer screen. This straw is not like a regular straw. This part at the top can **bend**. This little **invention** made old straws better!”



Mr. Brown turned on the lights. Then he said,
“Little problems can give some people big ideas.
Those big ideas can become great inventions. This
week, I want you to look around. Find a problem that
you or your friend has. Try to think of a way to **solve**
that problem. You can write about how you want to
solve it, or you can make something to show the class.”