Deni and the Tall Glass Trick

Sometimes height hides the whole amount.



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Deni and his sister each had one small cup of water for painting. Their cups were the same size, and Dad had filled both to the same mark.



Deni poured his water into a tall, narrow container. His sister's stayed in her short cup. "Now I have more," he announced. "Mine reaches much higher."



His sister frowned. "You didn't add any." Deni looked at the high water line. It certainly seemed like more. Dad brought a tray and two empty matching cups.



They poured Deni's water back into one matching cup. His sister poured hers into the other. Both reached the same mark again. Deni leaned down to check.



"The tall container was narrower," Dad explained. "The same water climbed higher inside it." Deni ran a finger around its small opening, then around the wider cup.



He tried a broad, shallow bowl. The water spread out into a low pool. It looked like less this time, although he had not poured any away.



Back into the marked cup it went. The level was nearly the same. A few drops remained on the bowl. Deni carefully tipped those in too.



His sister tried her water in the narrow container. "Now mine looks taller," she said. They laughed. The container was changing the shape, not making extra water.



Dad asked how they could share water fairly for their painting. "Use matching cups and the same mark," Deni said. "Or measure it with the same little scoop."



They chose the matching cups. Deni painted a tall blue tower. His sister painted a wide blue lake. Neither picture needed more water just because it looked bigger.



At tidy-up time, they used the remaining clean water for a thirsty pot plant with Dad. The containers went upside down on the tray to dry.



Deni looked at the tall one once more. "You are a good trick," he told it. Next time, he would think about width as well as height.

The End

A little story. A moment to share.

Why did the water look higher in one container?

How did Deni check whether there was really more?

Choose a favourite moment and draw what happened next.

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