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Amazon recently announced that customers in College Station, Texas, now have the option to have any of 500 prescription drugs delivered by drone. Customers who use the service can expect to have their order delivered within one hour. According to the Associated Press, the drones are able to fly to the customer's address, hover at a height of thirteen feet, check for people or pets, and drop the order in a padded package. Amazon says that the goal of the service is to "cut the curve on speed."

Make a pitch for the next important product that you think should be available for delivery by drone. Give at least two reasons to explain why the product shoul be delivered that way. Be sure to describe how the drone delivery can be done safely.

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You might think that flipping a coin is always a fair way to decide something, but researchers in Amsterdam recently discovered that coin tosses have what's called a "same side bias." After tossing 350,757 coins, they found that 50.8% of the time, the coins landed on the same side they were tossed from. The researchers say that's because when you toss a coin, you introduce a tiny bit of wobble, impacting the outcome.

Design an experiment to test whether researchers' results are true for different types of coins. Then, conduct the experiment. Write a description of the experiment and your results in the space below.



The Merriam-Webster Dictionary added 690 words and phrases at the end of last month, along with an entire section on food. The new words include "bussin'," meaning delicious or tasty, and "mid," meaning "so-so."

magine that you are in charge of making updates to a major dictionary. What word or words would you add? Explain what they mean, and why you'd add them addition, explain how you might find out about new words used in other parts he country, who should get to decide what words are selected, and the rules for ncluding them.					



Residents in one Utah neighborhood had a Barbie-themed Halloween. Inspired by the hit summer movie, homeowners in the Daybreak community of South Jordan transformed their neighborhood into a real-life "Barbie-land." Each home had a different theme, such as Disco Barbie or Ken's Mojo Dojo Casa House. In the past, residents have chosen other movies and TV shows, such as Stranger Things, Harry Potter, and Encanto, as themes for their Halloween decorations.

Imagine that you are in charge of decorations for a neighborhood party. What

theme would you choose? Draw a picture of what your neighborhood might look ike if all the families participated.				



A Wyoming couple claims to have seen the large, hairy, mythical creature known as Bigfoot while on a train ride through Colorado. In a video that the couple released on social media, something - or someone - can be seen lumbering across a mountainside. Some viewers are calling it a prank, but others believe the sighting was real.

magine that you are Bigfoot, and you are trying to escape the attention of numans. Write a story about a day in your life in the mountains of Colorado.					