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Make a Pitch!

News from Thursday, October 19th

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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 should be delivered that way. Be sure to describe how the drone delivery can be done safely.

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If You Ran Things

News from Thursday, October 12th

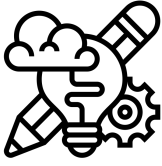
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The Merriam-Webster Dictionary added 690 words and phrases at the end of last month, along with an entire section on food. The new words include “bussin’,” meaning delicious or tasty, and “mid,” meaning “so-so.”

Imagine 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. In addition, explain how you might find out about new words used in other parts of the country, who should get to decide what words are selected, and the rules for including them.

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Design It!

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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 like if all the families participated.

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