



Making Modeling

MEANINGFUL

FINDING AND ADAPTING TASKS FOR GRADES 3-5

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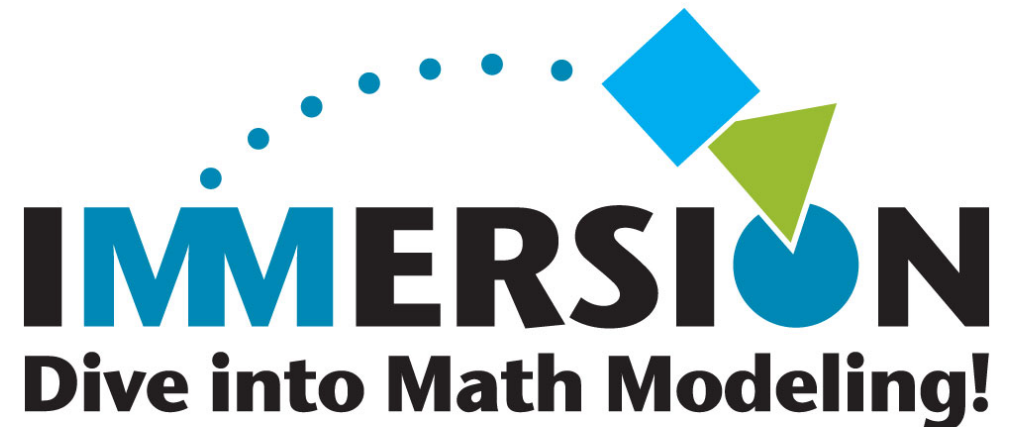
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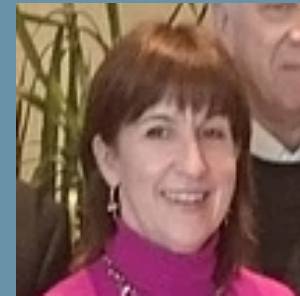
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Mathematically proficient students can **apply** the mathematics they know to **solve problems** arising in everyday life, society, and the workplace....Mathematically proficient students who can apply what they know are comfortable **making assumptions** and approximations to simplify a complicated situation, realizing that these may need revision later. They are able to **identify important quantities** in a practical situation and **map their relationships** using such tools as diagrams, two-way tables, graphs, flowcharts and formulas. They can **analyze those relationships** mathematically to draw conclusions. They routinely **interpret** their mathematical results in the context of the situation and **reflect** on whether the results make sense, possibly improving the model if it has not served its purpose.



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PROBLEM**

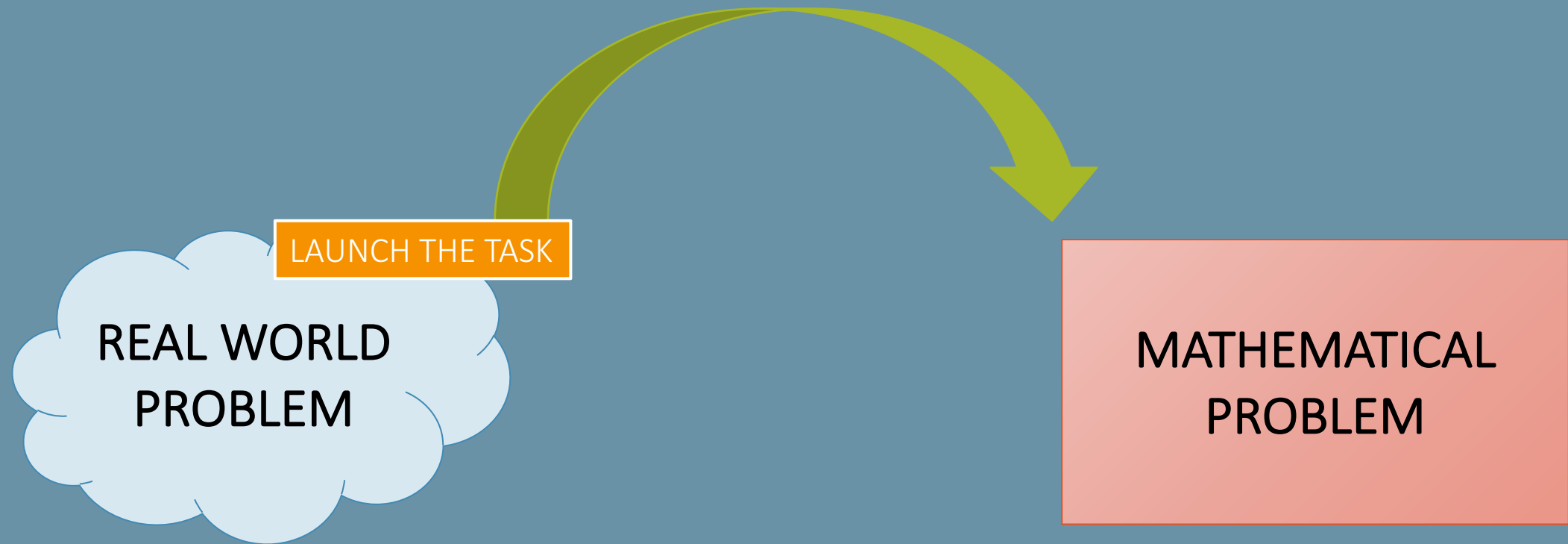
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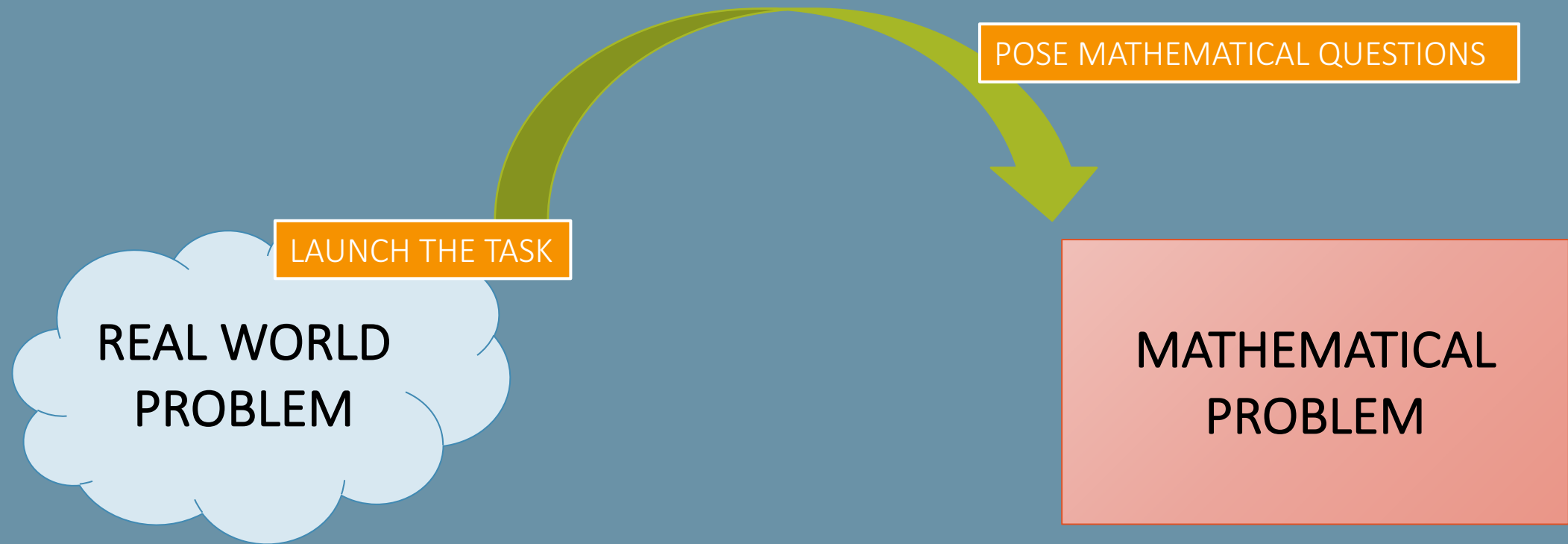
LAUNCH THE TASK

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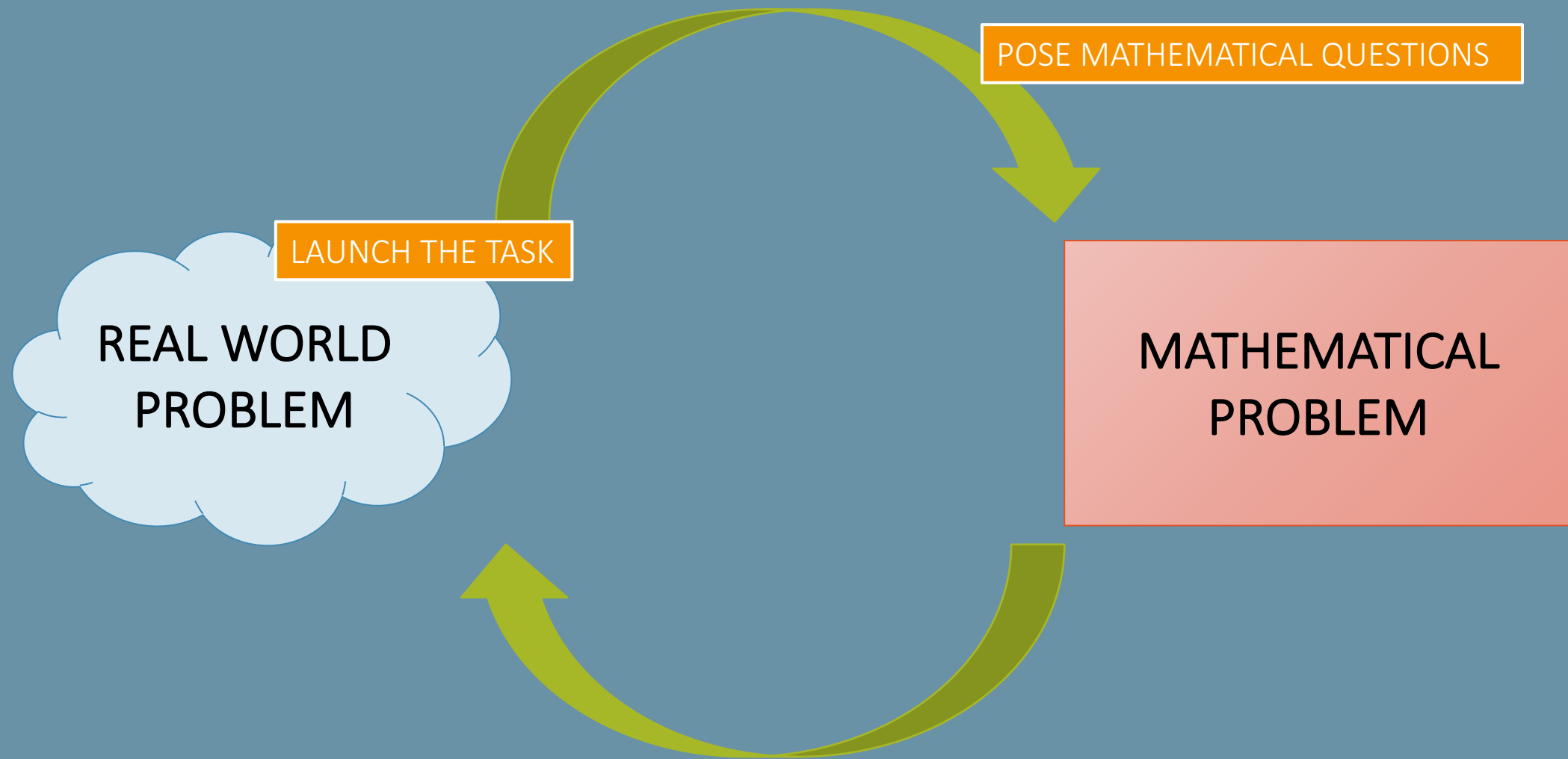
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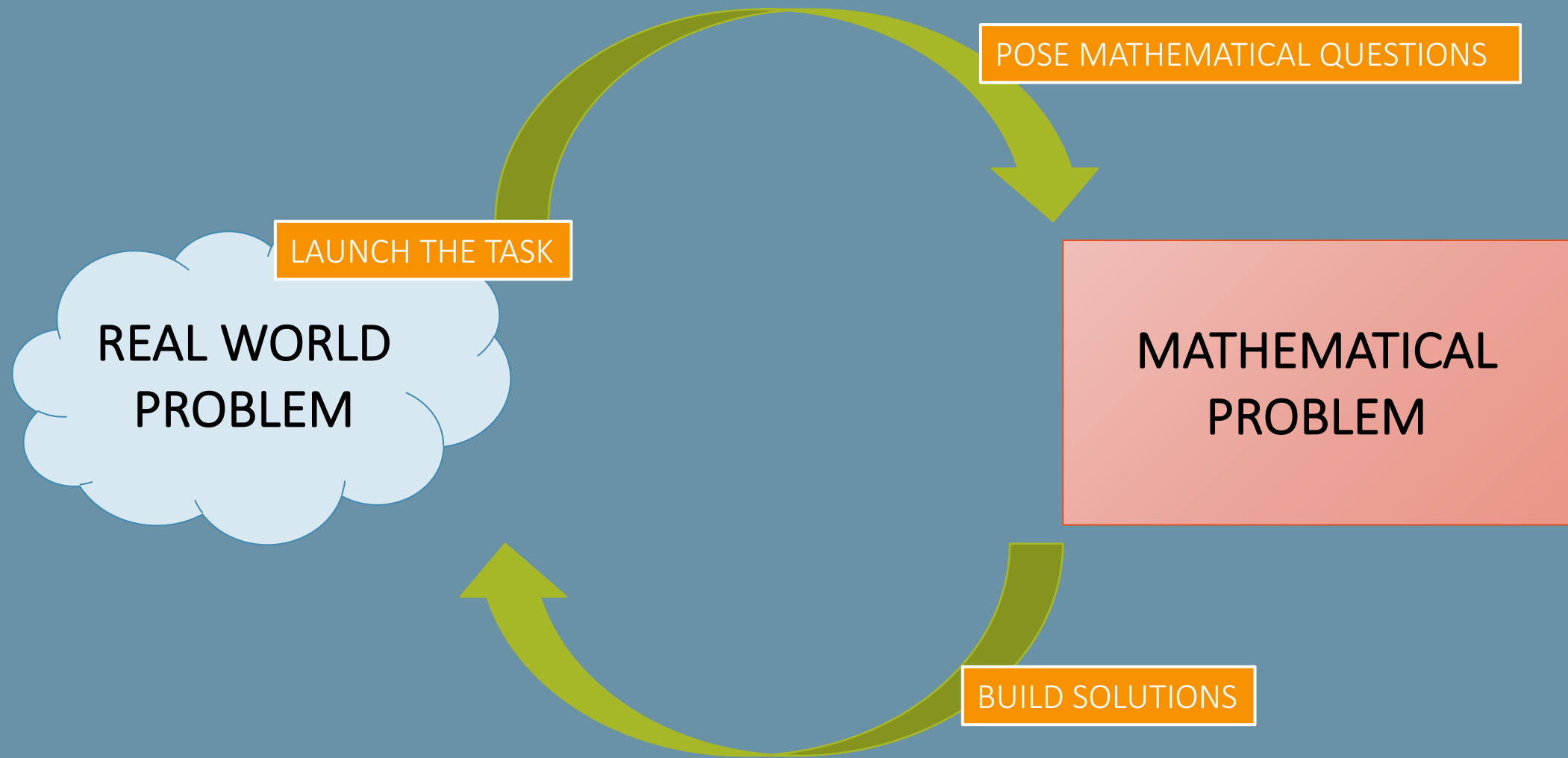
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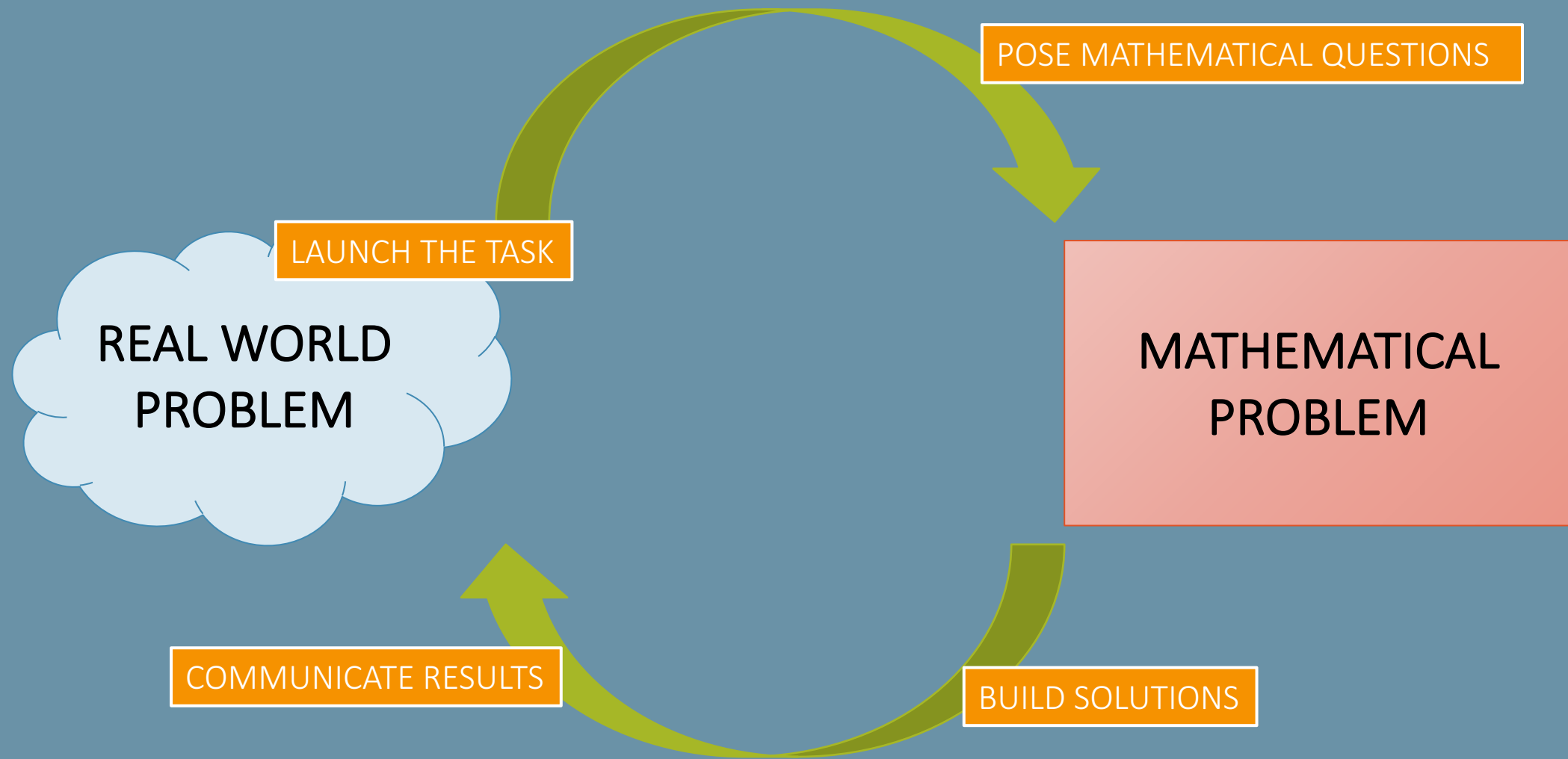
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STEP 3: You see if you have actually done it.

Henry Pollack

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26. **CCSS | MODELING** If x is the number of years since 2000 and y is the percent of people using travel services, the following equations represent the percent of people using travel agents and the percent of people using the Internet to plan travel.

Travel agents: $y = -2x + 30$ Internet: $y = 6x + 41$

- Graph the system of equations.
- Estimate the year travel agents and the Internet were used equally.

modeling problems

TODAY

Guiding principles for creating and adapting
modeling tasks



context



narrative



decisions

Occasions for wonderful ideas...

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“There are two aspects to providing occasions for wonderful ideas. One is being willing to accept children’s ideas. The other is providing a setting that suggests wonderful ideas to children – different ideas to different children – as they are caught up in intellectual problems that are real to them.”

- Eleanor Duckworth

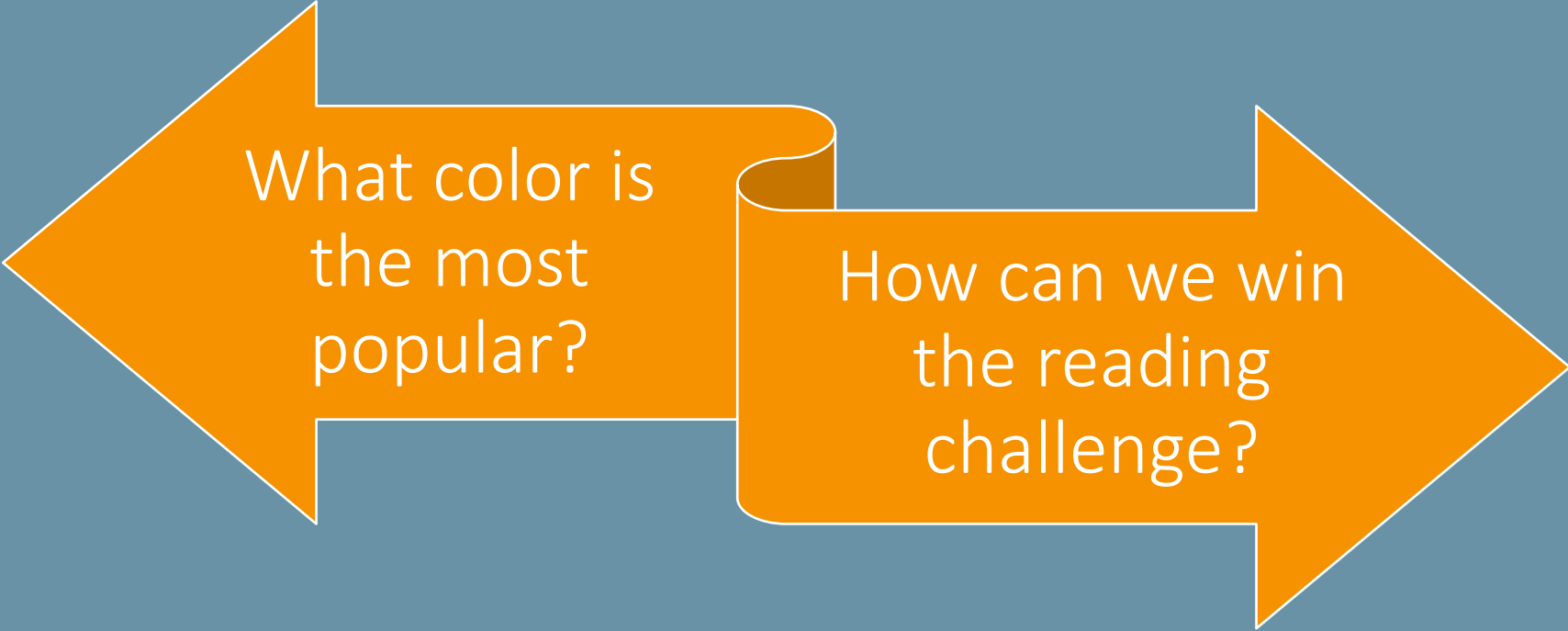
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School Reading Challenge

An adapted modeling task used to address Common Core Standards in Grade 3: Measurement and Data

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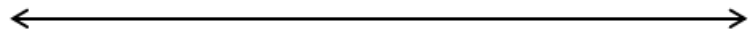
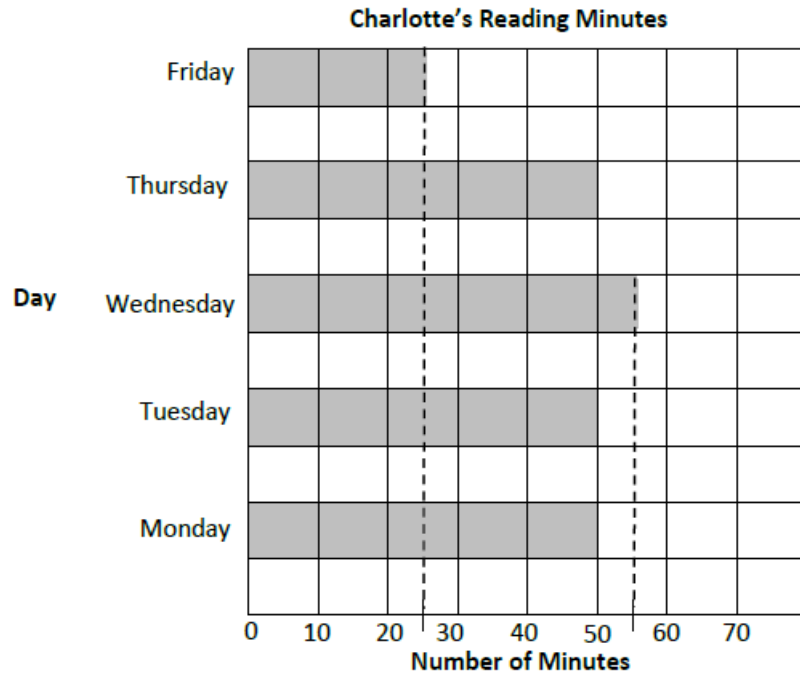
What color is
the most
popular?

How can we win
the reading
challenge?

Analyzing and Interpreting Data Unit

School Reading Challenge

This bar graph shows the number of minutes Charlotte read from Monday through Friday.



The topic of reading minutes was found in the curriculum.

We made the connection to our school reading minute challenge.

4. Use the graph's lines as a ruler to draw in the intervals on the number line shown above. Then plot and label a point for each day on the number line.
5. Use the graph or number line to answer the following questions.
 - a. On which days did Charlotte read for the same number of minutes? How many minutes did Charlotte read on these days?
 - b. How many more minutes did Charlotte read on Wednesday than on Friday?

School Reading Challenge

~~60~~ $\times 5 = 300$ Mrs. Hirsh's
 $6 \times 5 = 30$ Class reads an
 $3 + 3 = 6$ hour each day
60 minutes

Students used data to analyze the reading habits of the top class.

More Rich and Meaningful to Students

1. 50 100 150 200 250
2. 40 80 120 160 200
3. 60 120 180 240 300

60 answer

I guessed and checked I started with 50 that took me to 250, I 10 40 took me to 200, I knew 60+60+60+60+60=300

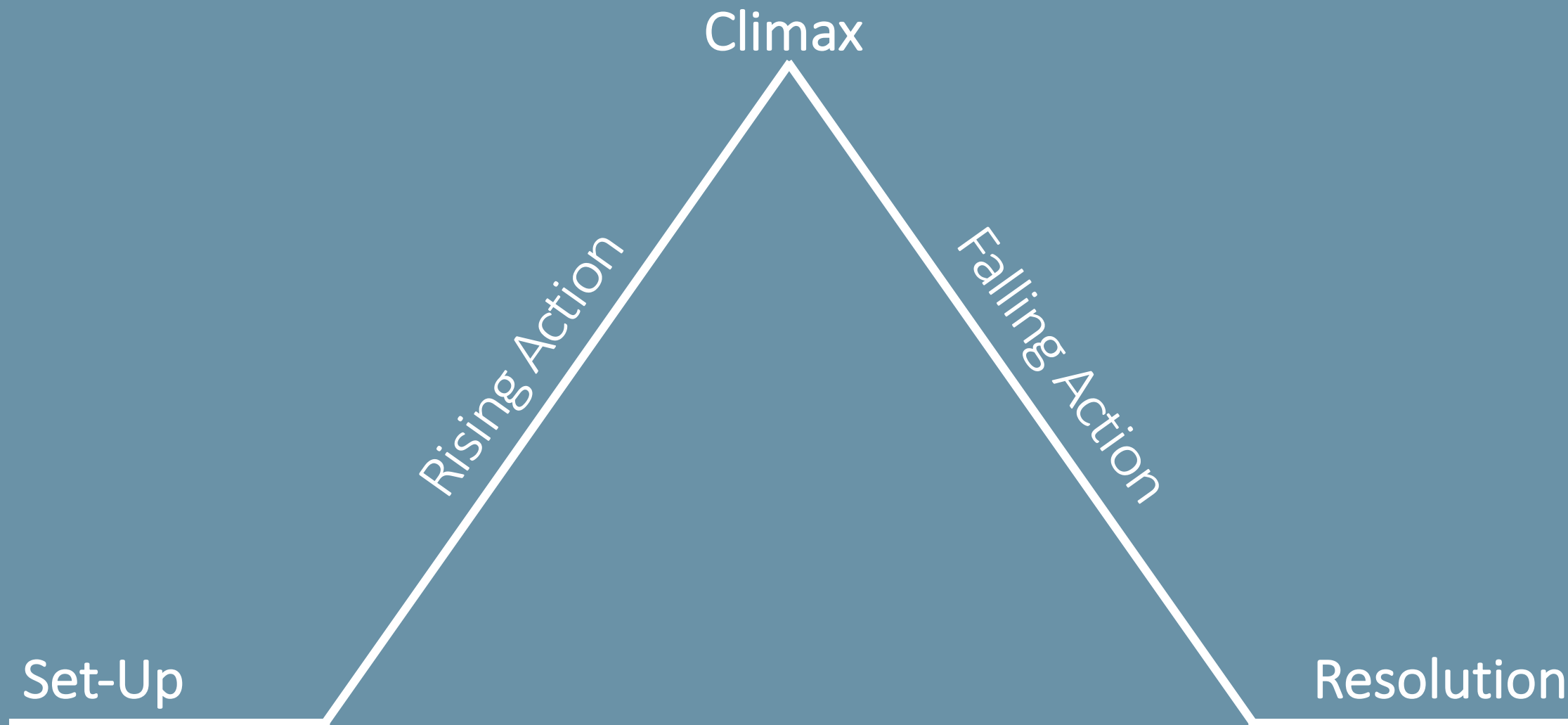
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INTERESTING?

Important?

Already going on?

Narrative



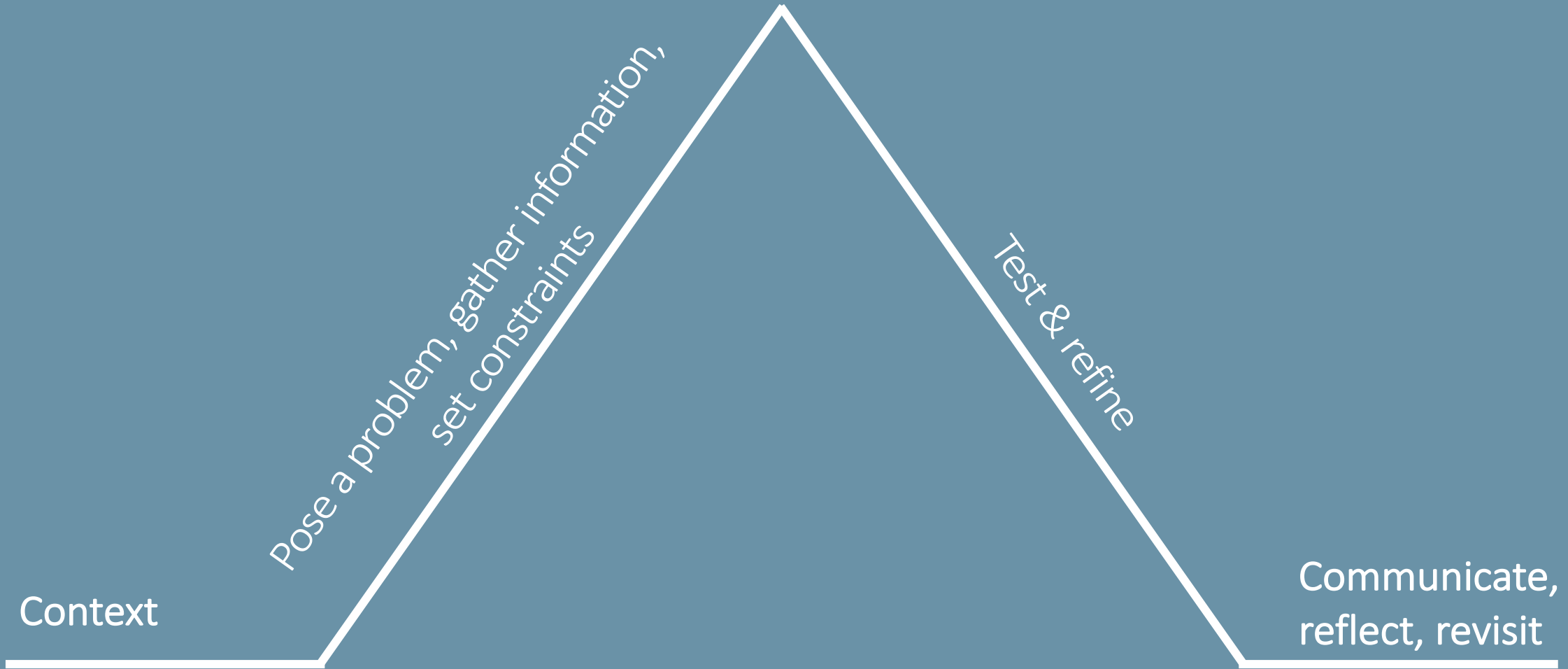
MATHEMATICAL
SOLUTION!

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Test & refine

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Things to Consider

- money (budget / student cost)
- safety*
- How Far it is
- Time
- Learning involved *
- Food / drink
- Travel Cost (Hotels, admission, ect)
- What is a field trip? (Bus, not superlong)

Constraints

- things we can not change.

- ① Learning has to happen.
- ② We have to be safe.
- ③ Bus cost:
\$51.50 per hour per bus
- ④ Time: 8:30 - 3:30
- ⑤ Each Bus only holds 45 people
- ⑥ Mr. Wild - 27
Mrs. King - 28
Mrs. Colombo - 28
6 chaperones
- ⑦ Tours 2hrs long

Narrative

Cost of bus for the whole day?

$$.50 + .50 = \$1.00 \quad \$1.00 + \$1.00 = \$2.00$$

$$\$50 + \$50 = \$100.00 \quad \$2.00 + \$1.00 = \$3.00$$

$$\$100.00 + \$3.00 = \$103.00$$

$$\$103.00 \times 7 = \$721.00$$

$$\$100 \times 7 = 700$$

$$3 \times 7 = 21$$

1 bus = \$51.50
Per 1 hour

2 buses = \$103.00



Mathematics that Tells a Story

How many will fit?

(multiplication, fractions, geometry)

WHAT IS FAIR?

(DIVISION)

What can we expect?

(ratio and rate)

What is best for a group?

(data and statistics)

Mathematics that Tells a Story

- How could the mathematics in your curriculum become part of a narrative?
- Could this narrative be set in any of the contexts you listed?
- What content standards might you have an opportunity to address?

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MATHEMATICAL MODELING

Students develop a strategy or an expression for predicting the cost of a field trip. They test the strategy in different classrooms and for different sites, and use their findings to decide where they should go in the spring.

APPLYING MATHEMATICS

Students are told there will be an all fourth-grade field trip to the zoo. They are given facts like how many students will fit on a bus, the cost of a bus, and the cost of entry to the zoo. Students are asked to calculate how much the field trip will cost.

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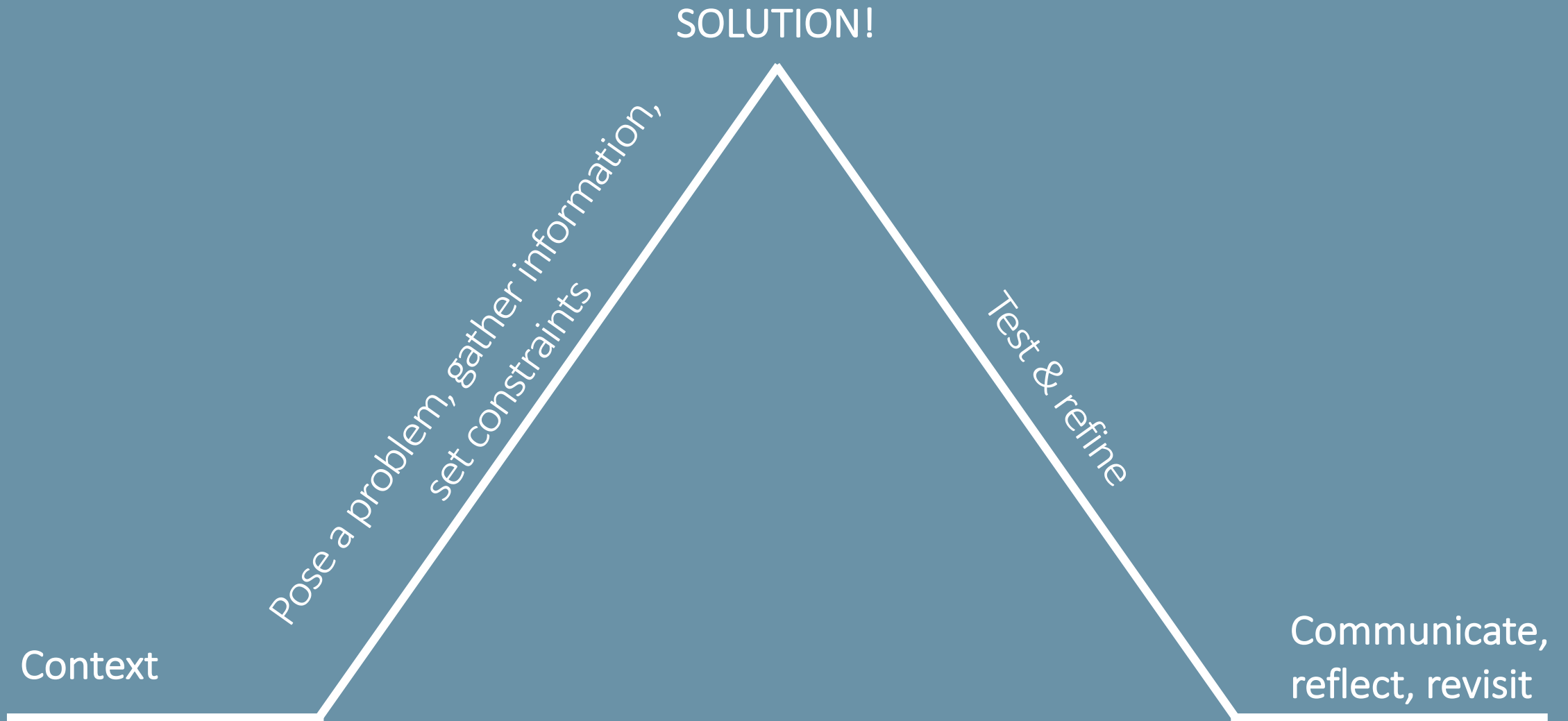
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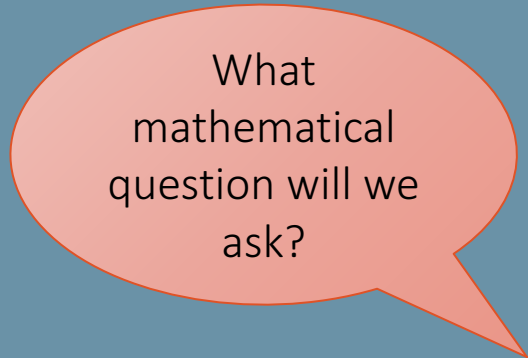
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SOLUTION!

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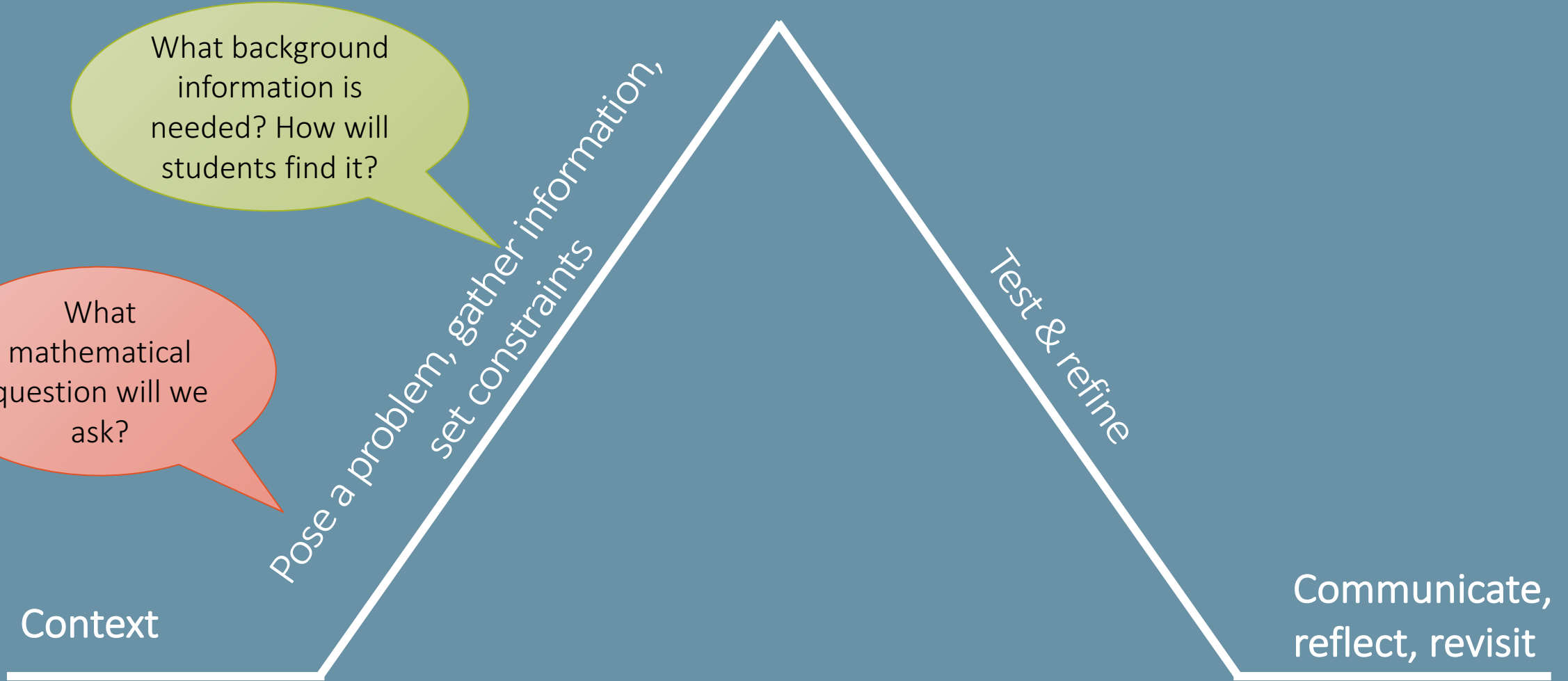
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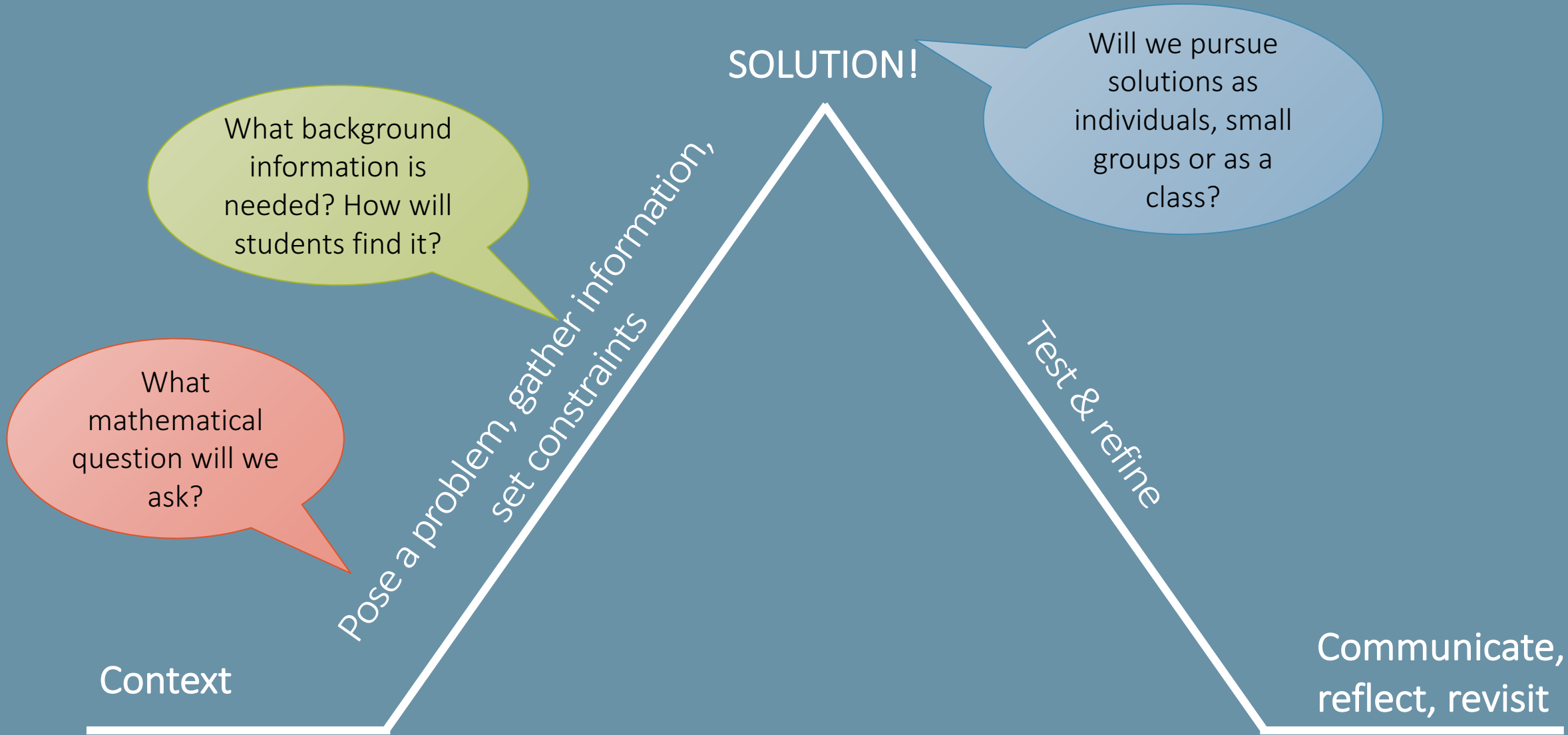
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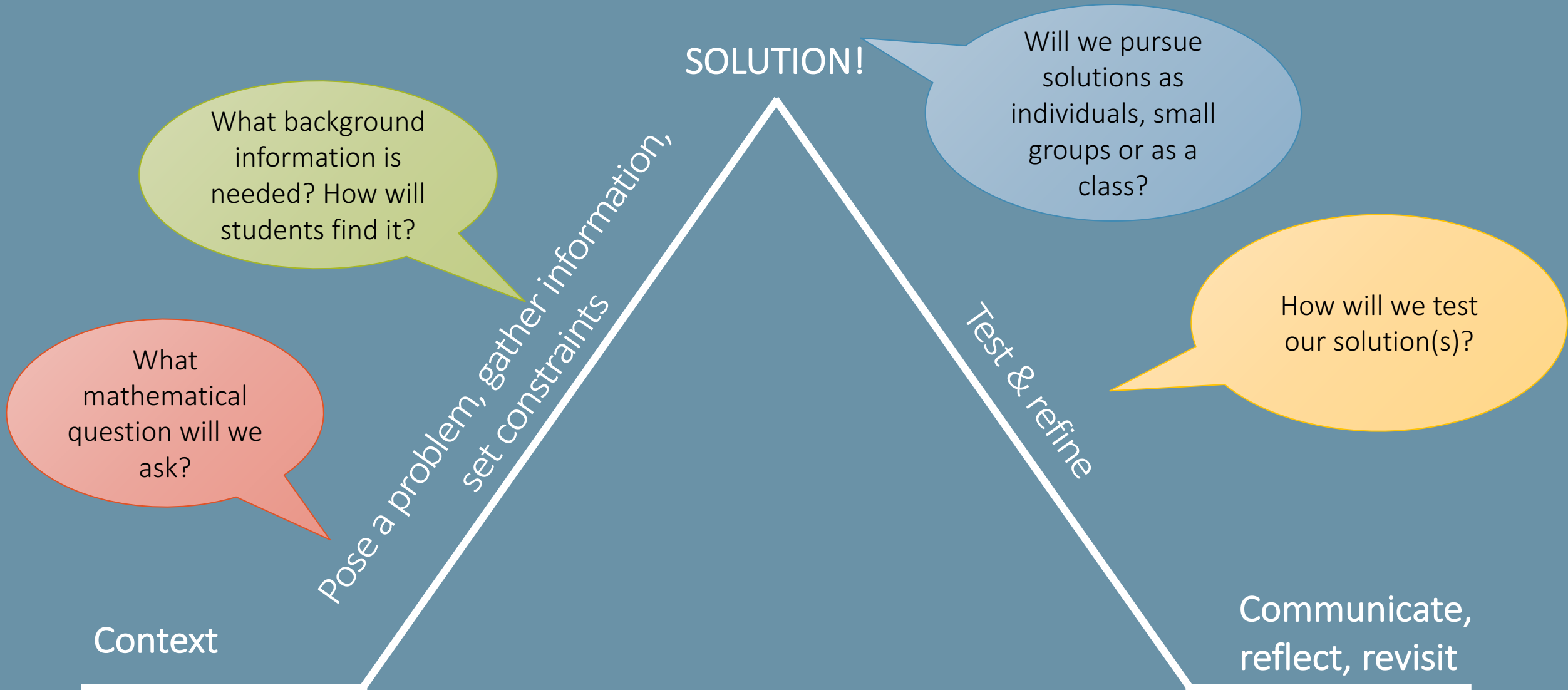
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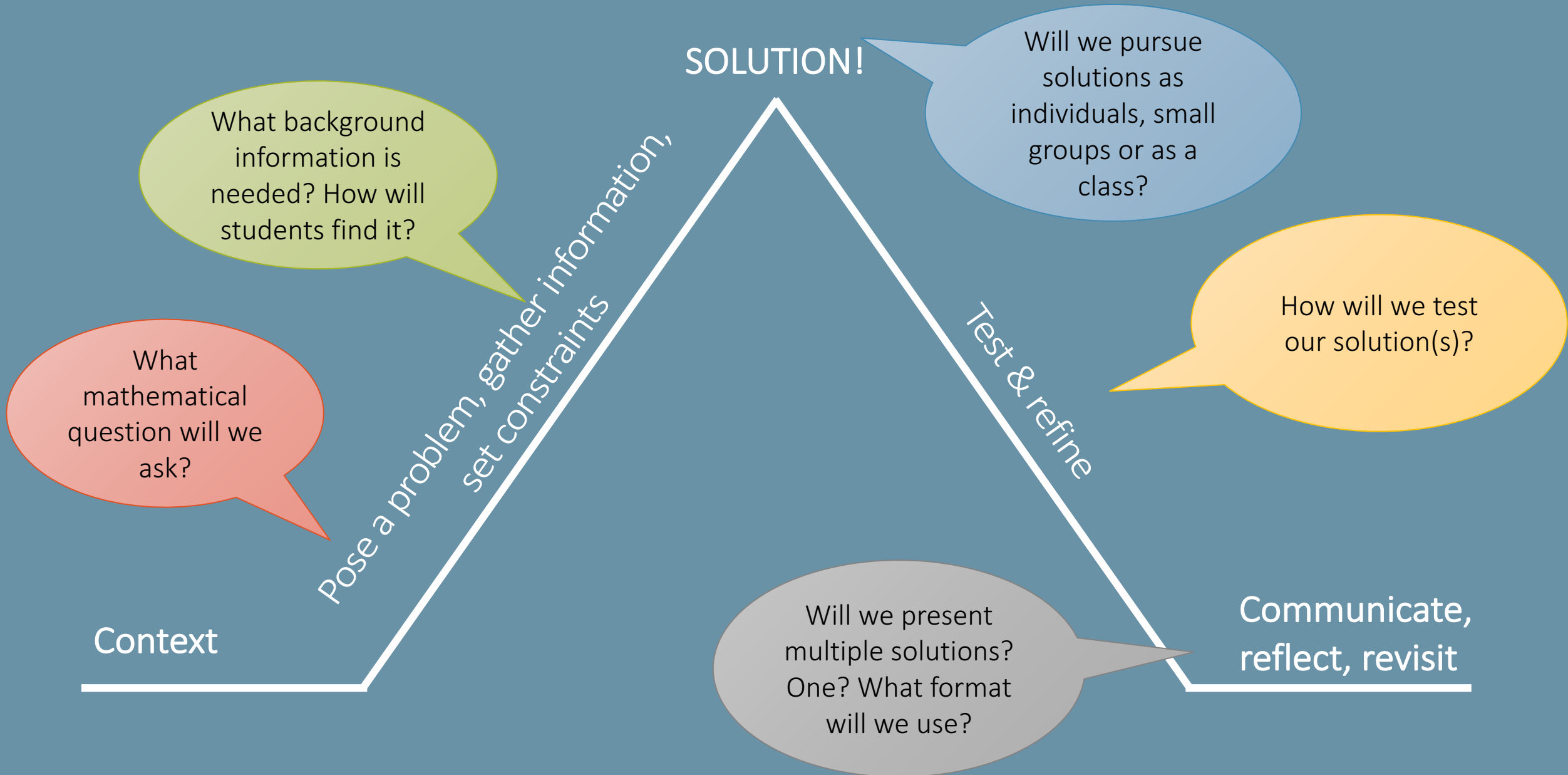
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PUT ON News paper

COMPUTATION
FACTS

GRADE

MAGSIN

CEMERSHIL

website

NEWS

STRICH THE TRUTH
FORSTERS

What is The best
way for Heart of The Valley
To advertize This summer

- What have you done To advertize
In The past
- How much money do you have

“What does “best” mean in this situation?”

“How do we want to spend the budget of \$4,000 over a 4-month period?”

“How should we share our decision with our client?”

H.O.V. Proposal

Client: Heart of the Valley Humane Society.

Address: 1549 East Cameron Bridge Road, Bozeman
Mt

Created by Hannah P. and Lexi K.

- Two billboards \$2,400
- Two bus stop posters \$1,200
- Sunday Newspapers for 1 week
- Radio for 4 weeks 9:00 pm to 8:00 am
- Full color Ads for 8 weeks

Total

The total of the whole advertising would be 1932.78 and If you subtract 1932.78 from 5,000 you get 3067.22 left from advertising so you have more to spend on other advertising for the next summer.



We want to do 5 days in each month on the radio for the summer.

11 hours in one night is

\$165

$$\begin{array}{r} \$165 \\ \times 5 \\ \hline 825 \end{array}$$

5 days in one month is \$825 which would equal \$825 all together

5 days in one month is \$825
5 days in each month is \$1,650

$$\begin{array}{r} 825 \\ \times 2 \\ \hline 1,650 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 713 \\ 4,835 \\ - 1,650 \\ \hline 3,185 \end{array}$$

Using Mathematics to make Decisions

- What mathematical question could your students ask and answer in this task?
- How could mathematics be used to make a decision?
- What “lower-case d” decisions do you want students to make as individuals? In small groups? As a class?

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- **TIME:** *Yes...but...*

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