The Small Bridge: Read and Explain

Answers and adult support.

Retrieval answers

1 Their toy cart. 2 The middle of the flat paper sagged and the cart stopped. 3 The same toy cart and the same gap. Equivalent wording is welcome.

Explain the change

The first bridge sagged and the cart stopped. They changed the paper shape to see whether a folded bridge would hold the cart. This is supported directly by the first five sentences.

Order of the printed event cards

The cards, from top to bottom, are numbered 3, 1, 2: flat sheet first, fold a new sheet next, cart reaches the other block last.

Prediction and evidence

The final response is open. A wider gap might change how well the paper supports the cart; testing is needed. Do not turn one successful test into a claim that every folded bridge is always stronger. Adult reading aloud and dictated responses are welcome.