

The Fourth Note

Eight activities

Activity 1: The price curve

From the story, what does asking cost in week one, week four, and after the unit test? What makes the note HARDER to write each time, not easier?

Activity 2: Planning or failure?

Roiza believes: when others ask, it's planning; when she asks, it's failure. From the story, list the evidence that this math "does not work." Why does being asked by Peppy unlock what three drafts could not?

Activity 3: The three drafts

Read the three failed drafts in Chapters 2 and 3. What is wrong with each one - what is each draft protecting? Why does the fourth note work, at three sentences?

Activity 4: Delay arithmetic (all numbers made up for practice)

Asking in week 1 costs 1 help session. Each week of waiting adds a session and drops the quiz average 5 points. If a girl waits 4 weeks, how many sessions does the fix cost? If she waits 8 weeks? What does the arithmetic NOT capture? Show your steps.

Activity 5: "What the good students do"

Morah calls the note "exactly the right move" and says the earlier it comes, the smaller the fix. Why does she praise the action instead of ranking students? What is the difference between asking and giving up?

Activity 6: Draw the border problem

Draw Roiza's desk before a quiz: the girls two deep, the review sheets, Roiza mid-explanation. Only what can be seen - no labels for feelings. Caption with one line from the story.

Activity 7: Ayelet's kitchen - planning for a fictional case

A teen named Ayelet is the family's best cook, and for three weeks she has been ruining the same complicated recipe and hiding the failures, too embarrassed to ask her aunt - the one who taught her - for help. Write the sentence her delay keeps making more expensive, the plain three-sentence ask she could make, and what the mirror moment might look like in her kitchen. One sentence each, with names.



Activity 8: Word grid

Find eight words left to right. Row/column numbering begins at 1.

A S K J K V W B F Y
H E L P L M N O R S
E A R L Y I Q Z X J
C O S T F Y G H U P
N O T E R S T C D E
L O S T X J K V W B
P L A N U P L M N O
Q U I Z D E A I Q Z
X J K V W B F Y G H
U P L M N O R S T C

ASK, HELP, EARLY, COST, NOTE, LOST, PLAN, QUIZ. Which word names what delay charges, and which word names what asking actually is?