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# OUTSIDE IN

Evoking the Natural World in Indoor Spaces



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VIEWING

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# MOTIVATIONS









PEAL & RE  
DOG FOOD



# MOTIVATIONS

"I work indoors and it blows. Big time."

- Cathy

WHY IXD?



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# MY PROPOSAL

Channel the tenets of ensoulment  
and slow technology, to evoke a sense  
of the outside world in indoor spaces.

# OUTLINE

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Lenses of Meaning

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Lenses of Meaning  
Outside and Inside

# OUTLINE

Lenses of Meaning

Outside and Inside

Design Concepts in Light

Why are the outdoors  
meaningful to us?

Why are the outdoors  
meaningful to us?

LENSES OF MEANING

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Sociocultural

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Sociocultural  
Biological

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Sociocultural  
Biological  
Perceptual

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Temporal

# LENSES OF MEANING

Sociocultural

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Temporal

Spatial

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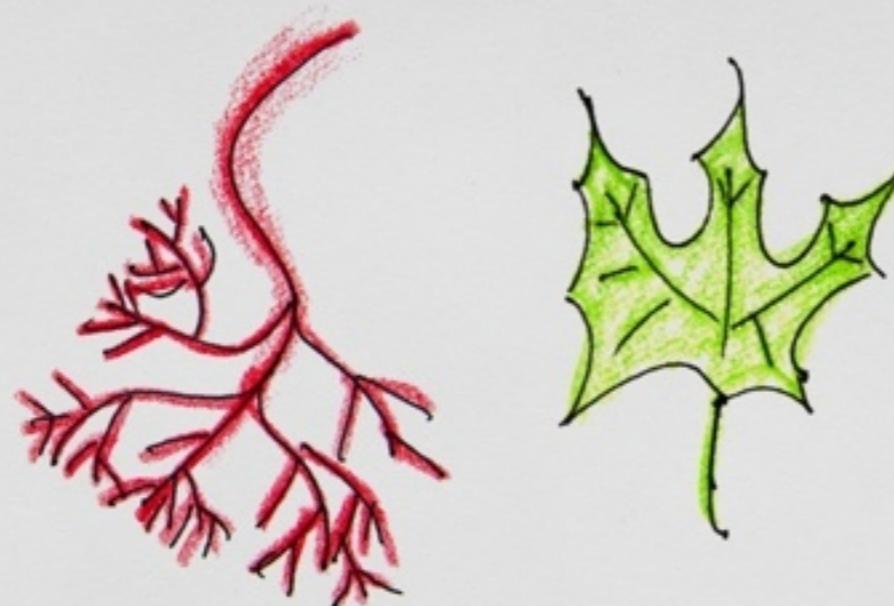




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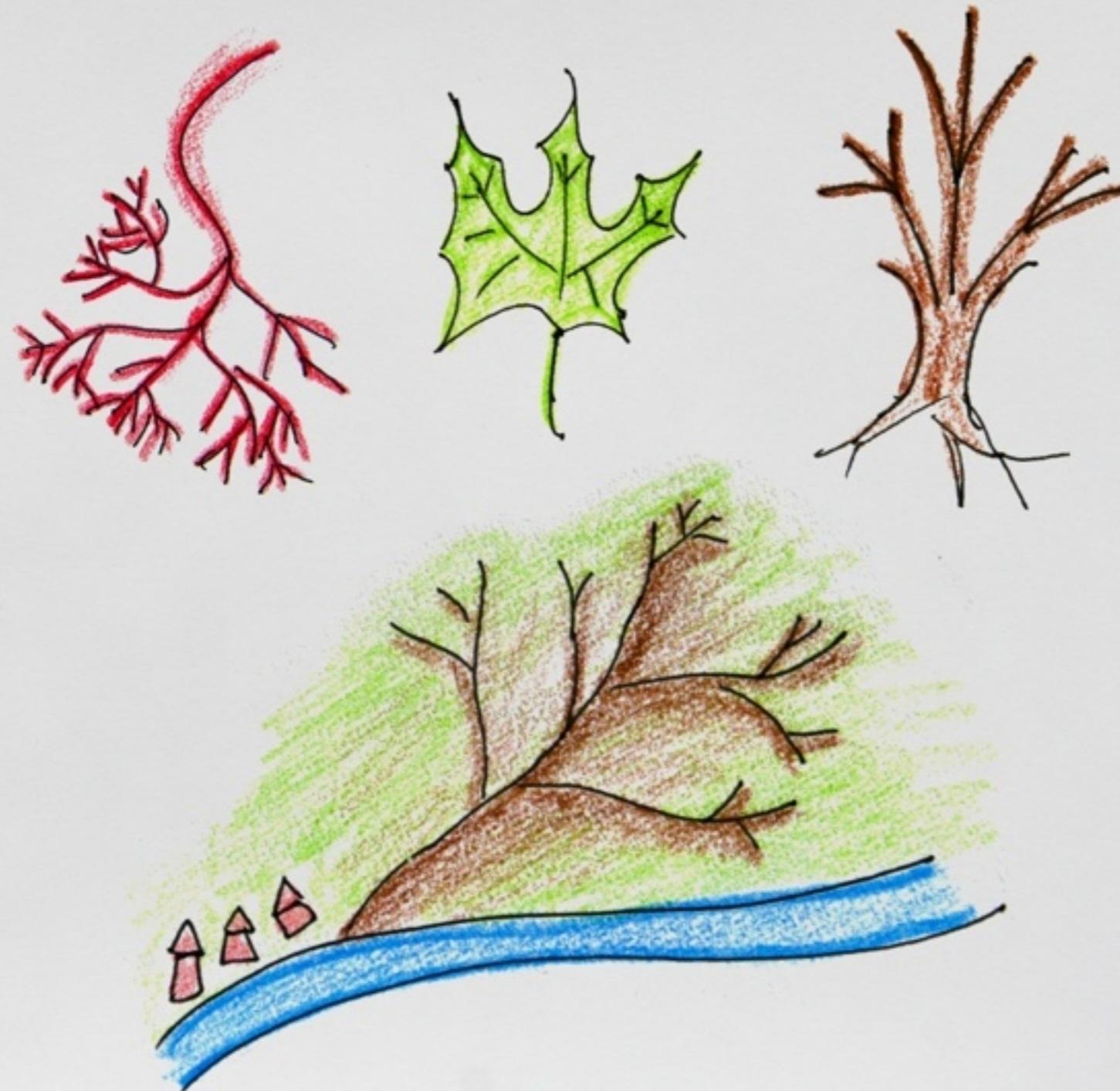
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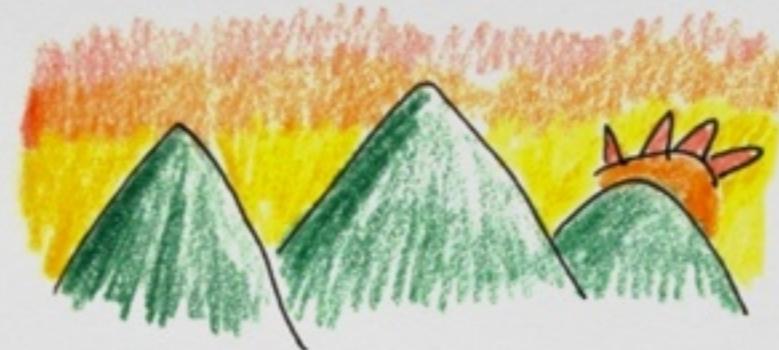
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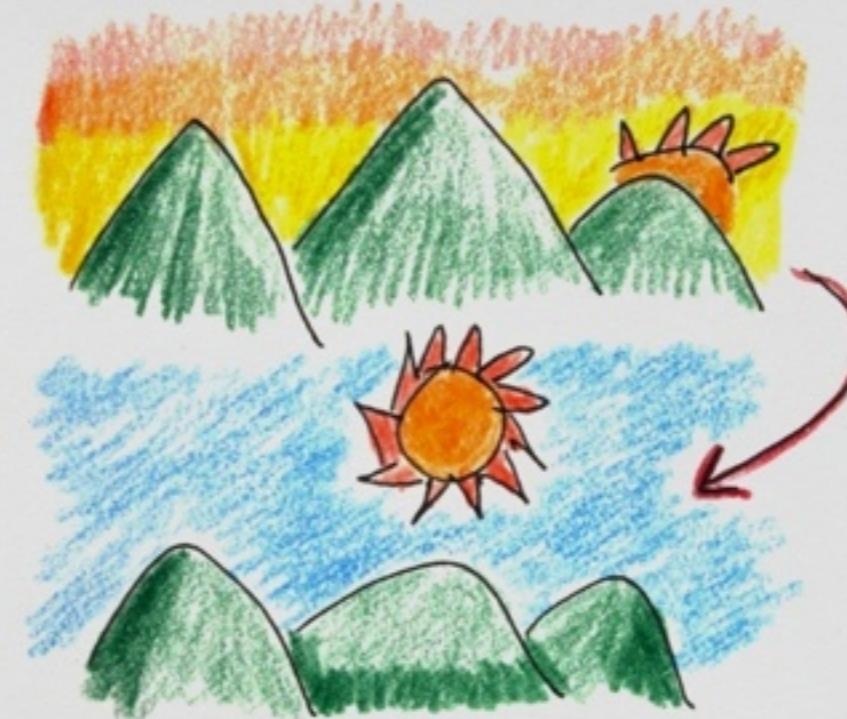
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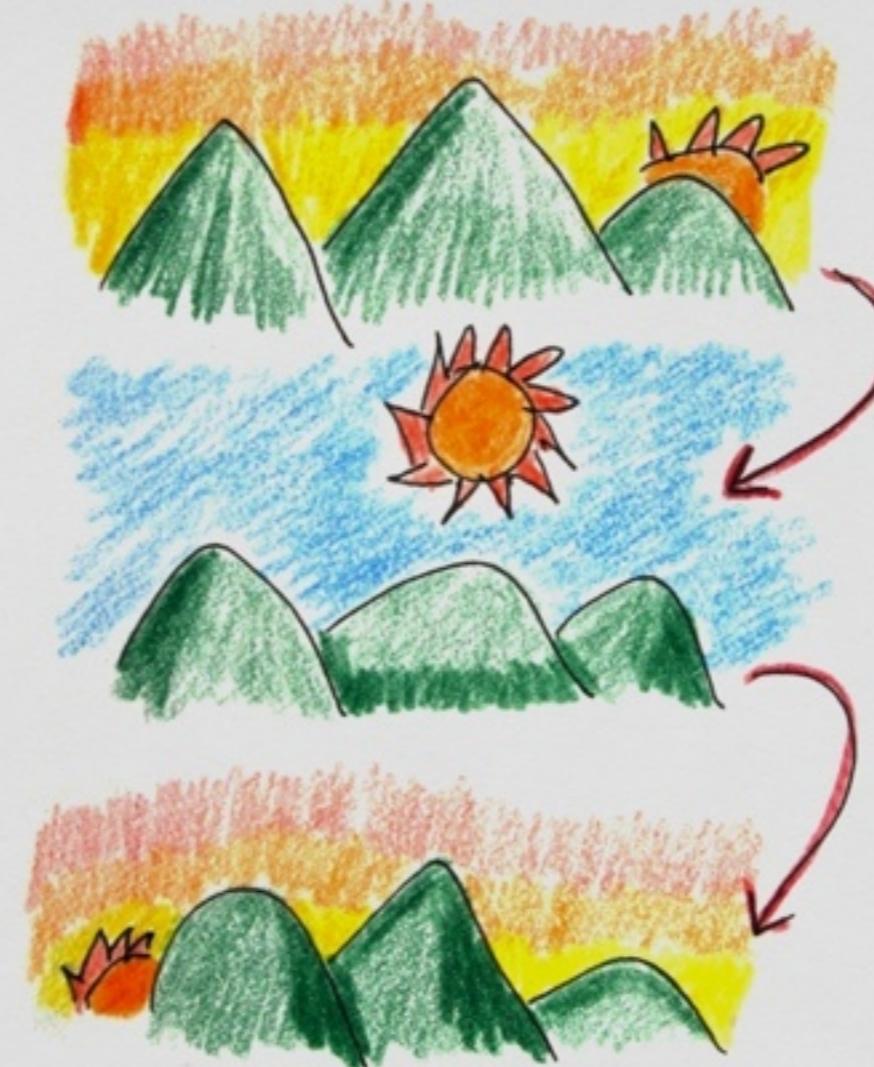
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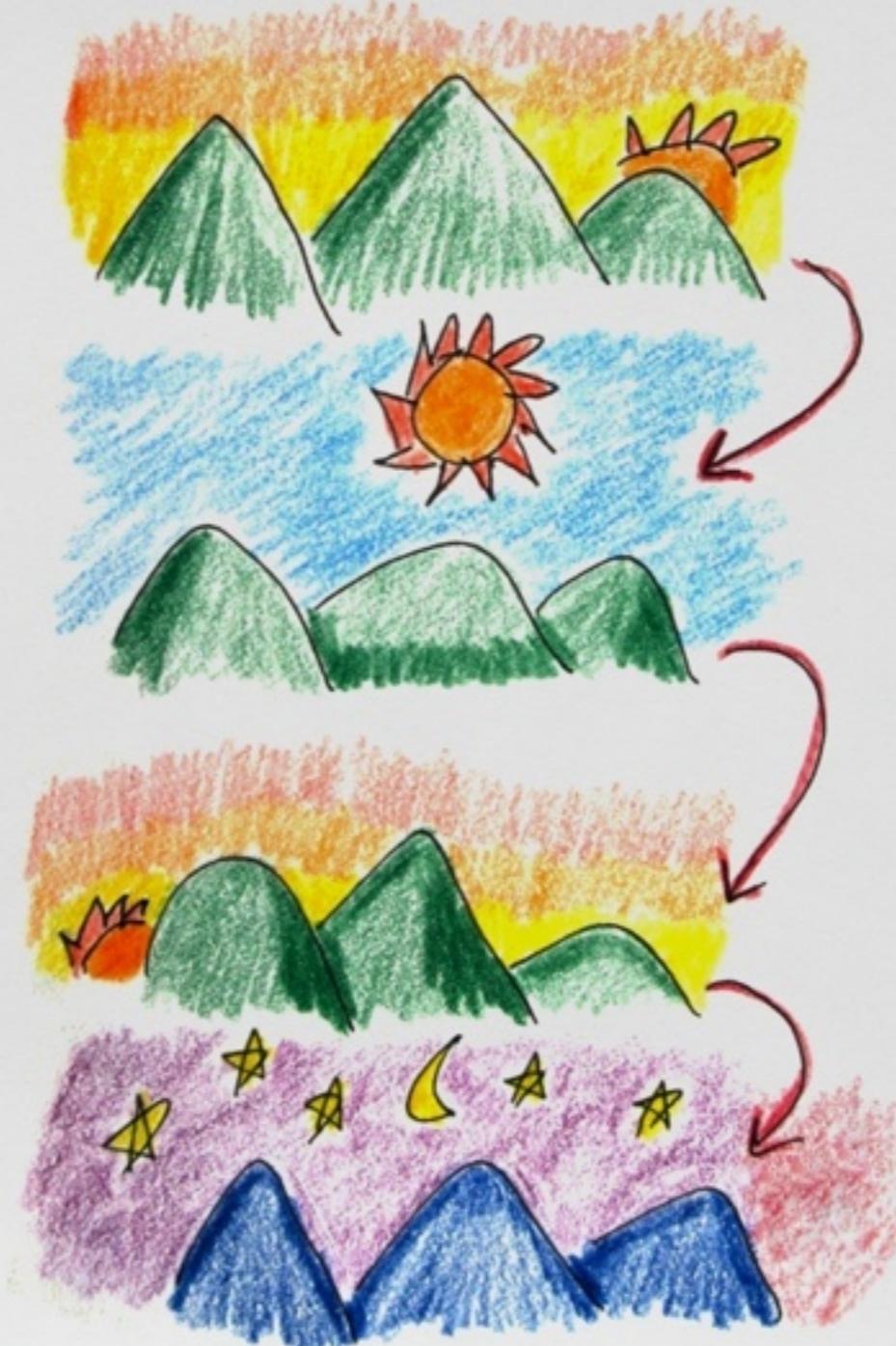
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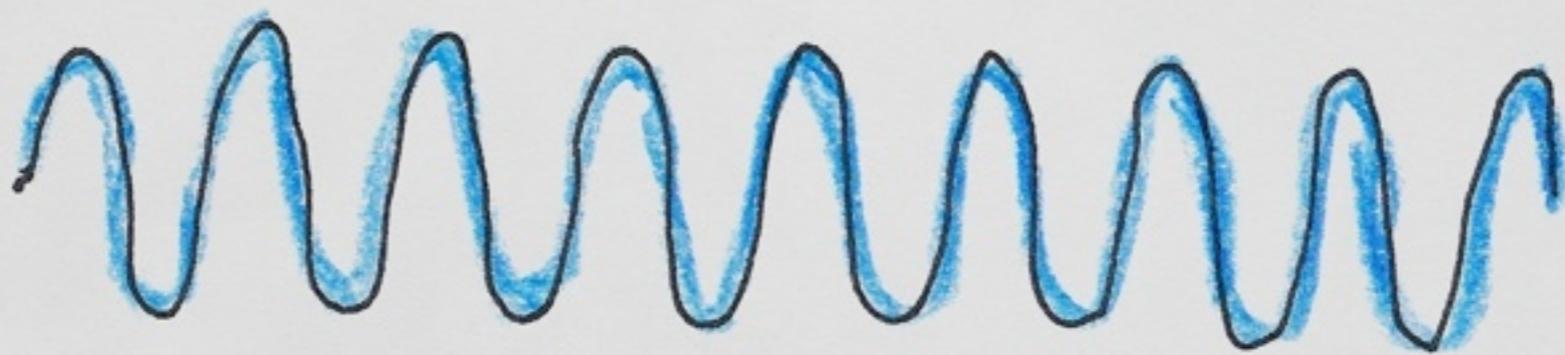
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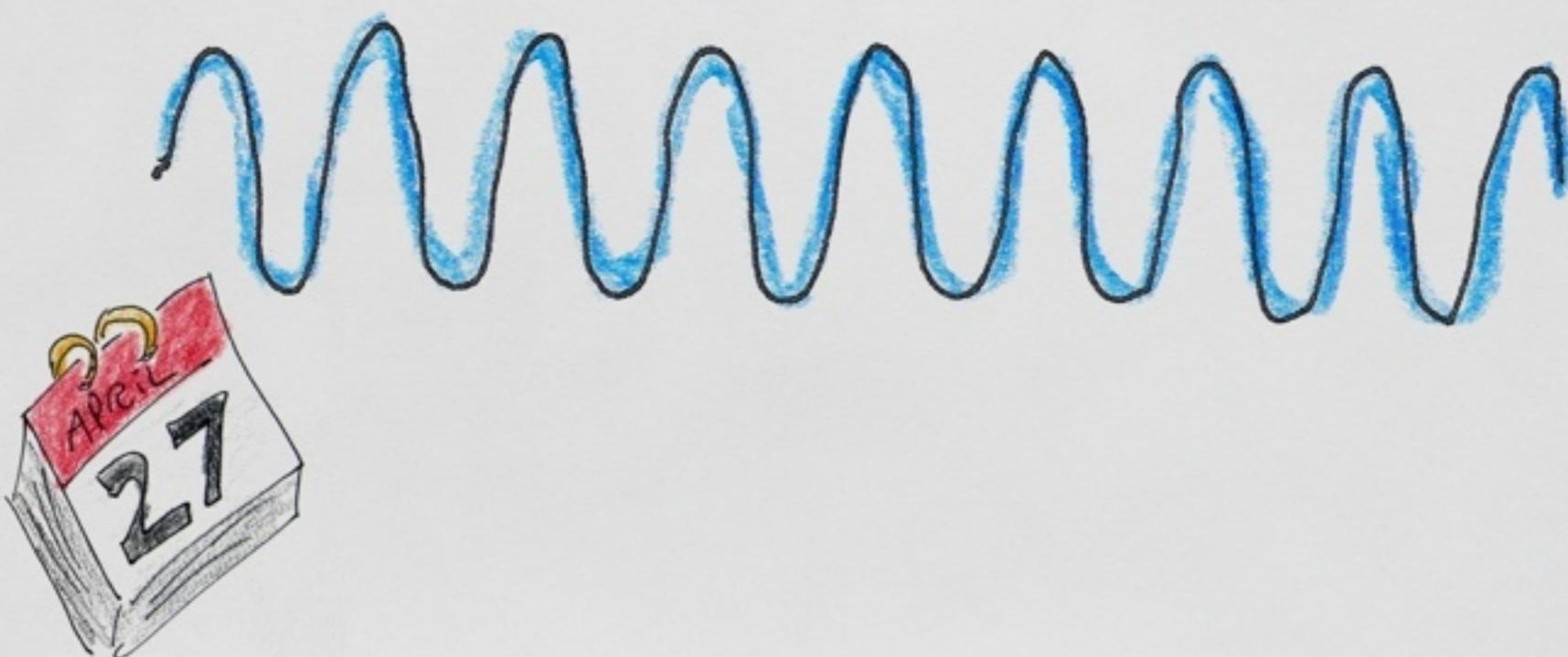
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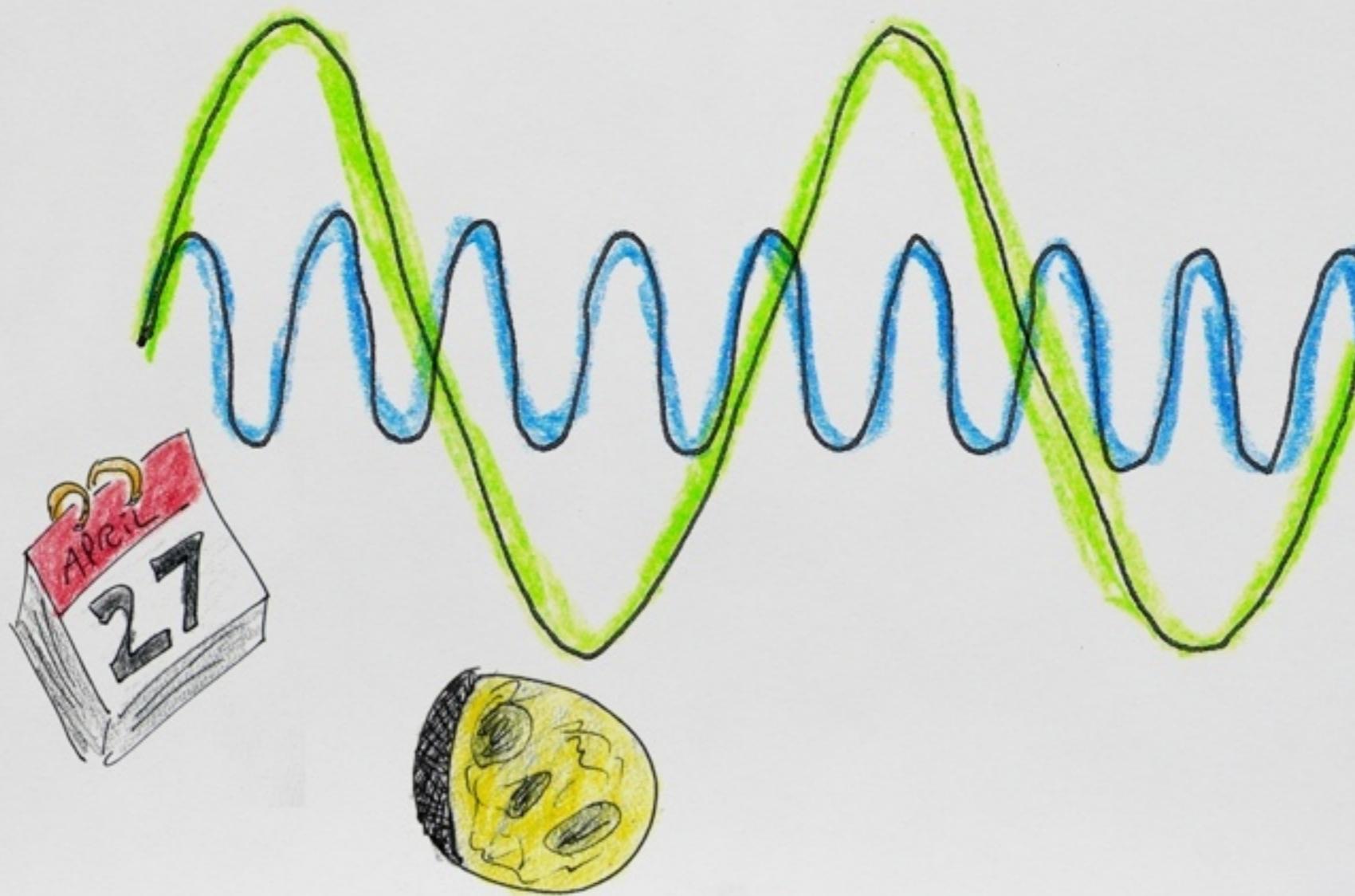
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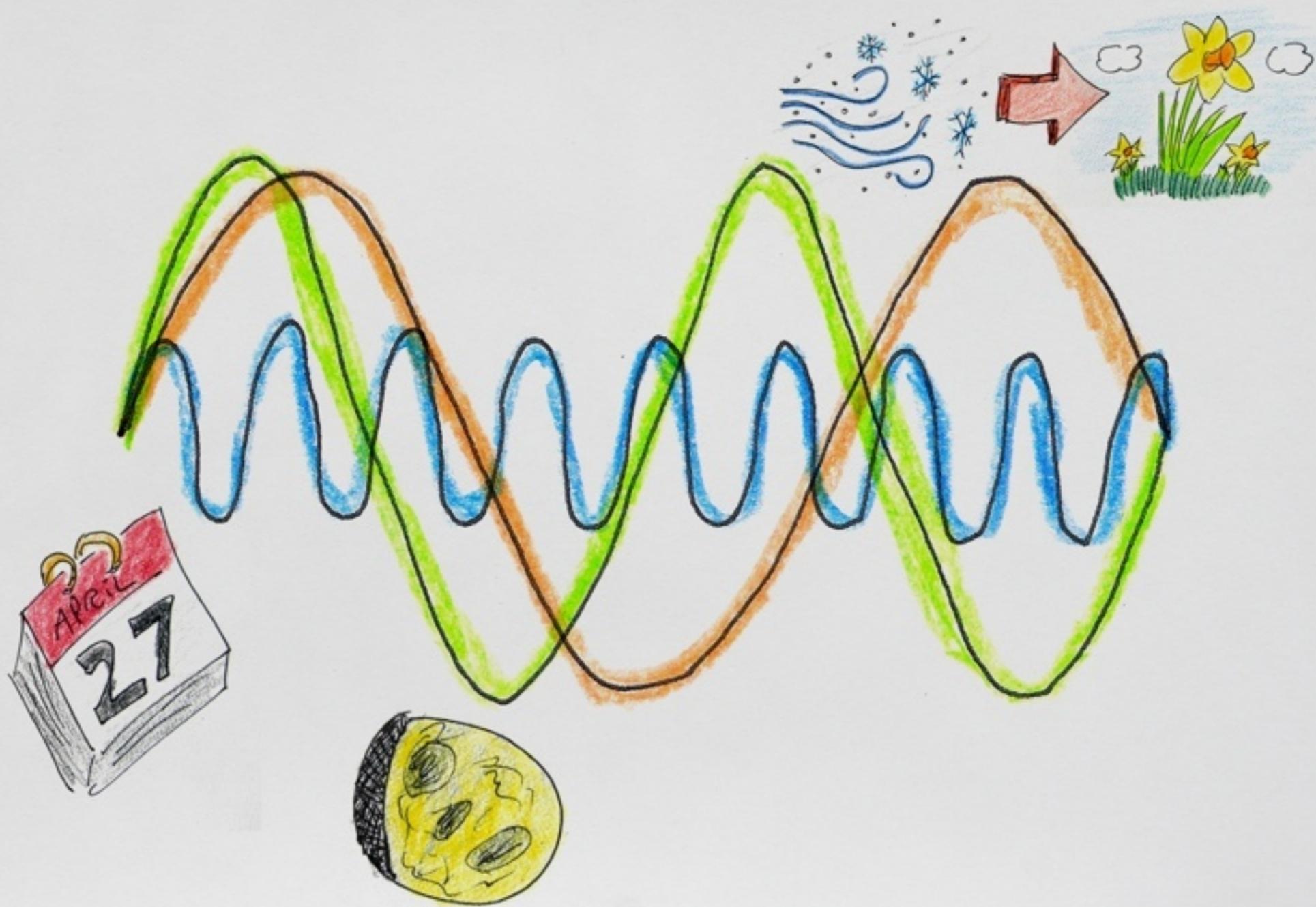
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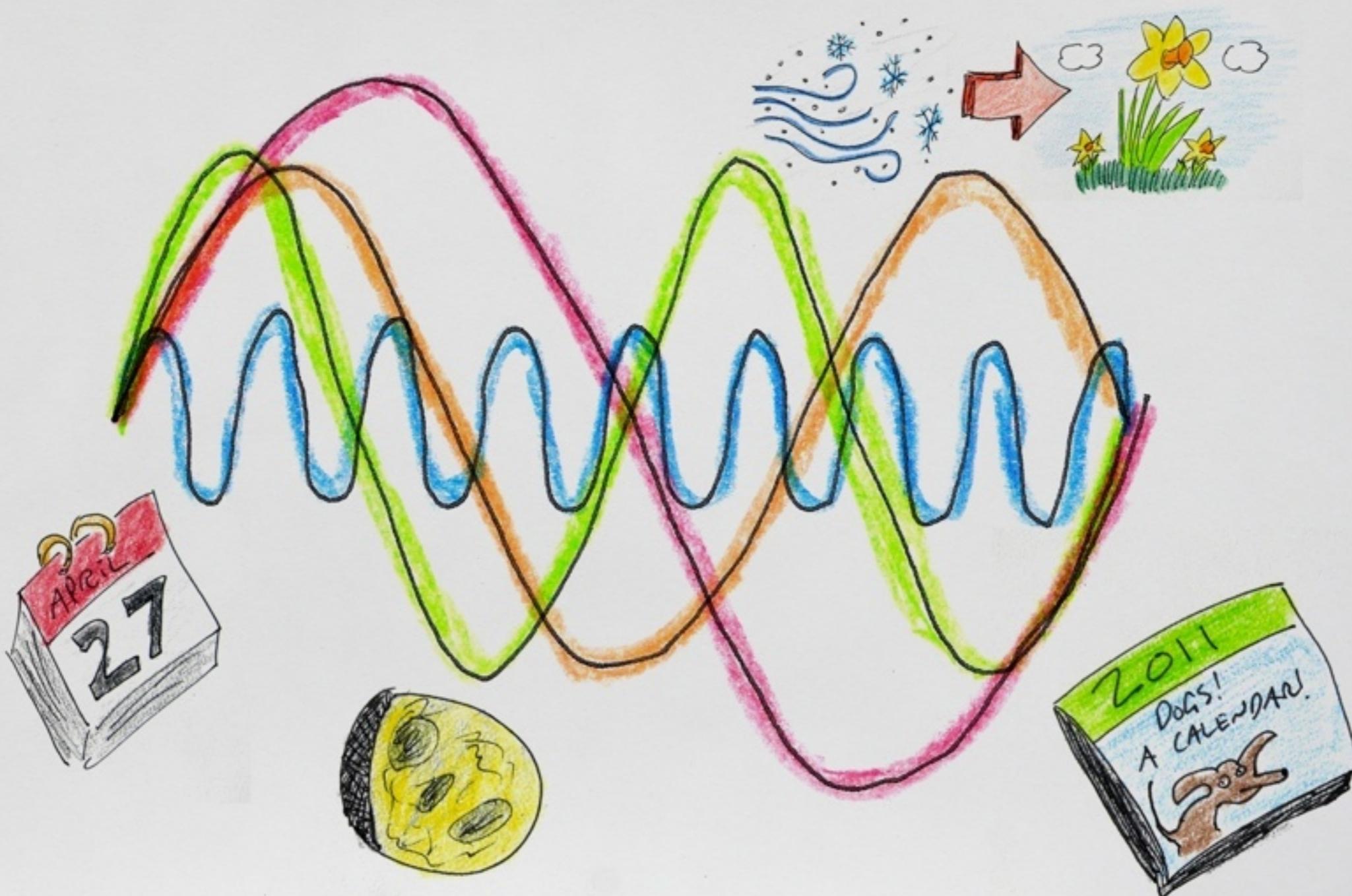
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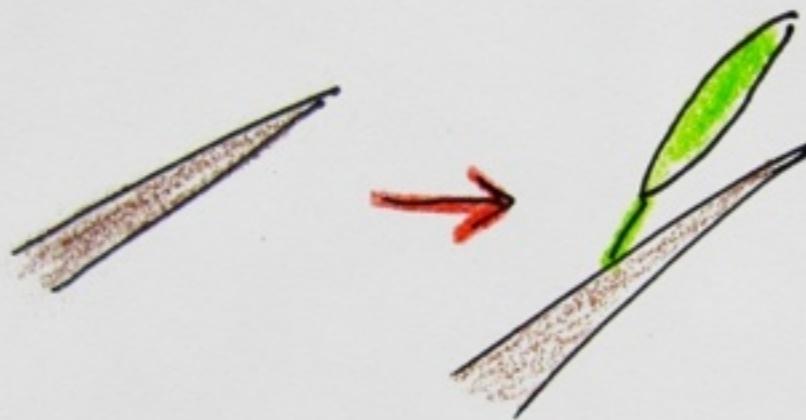
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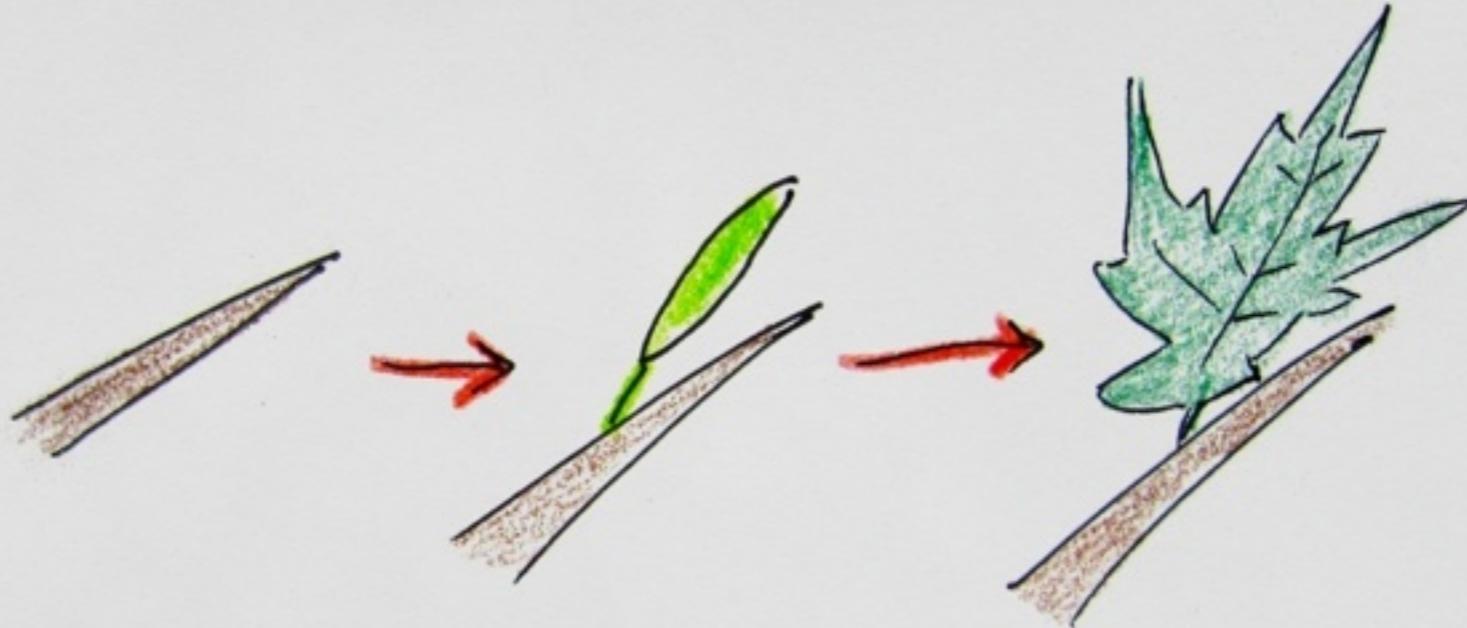
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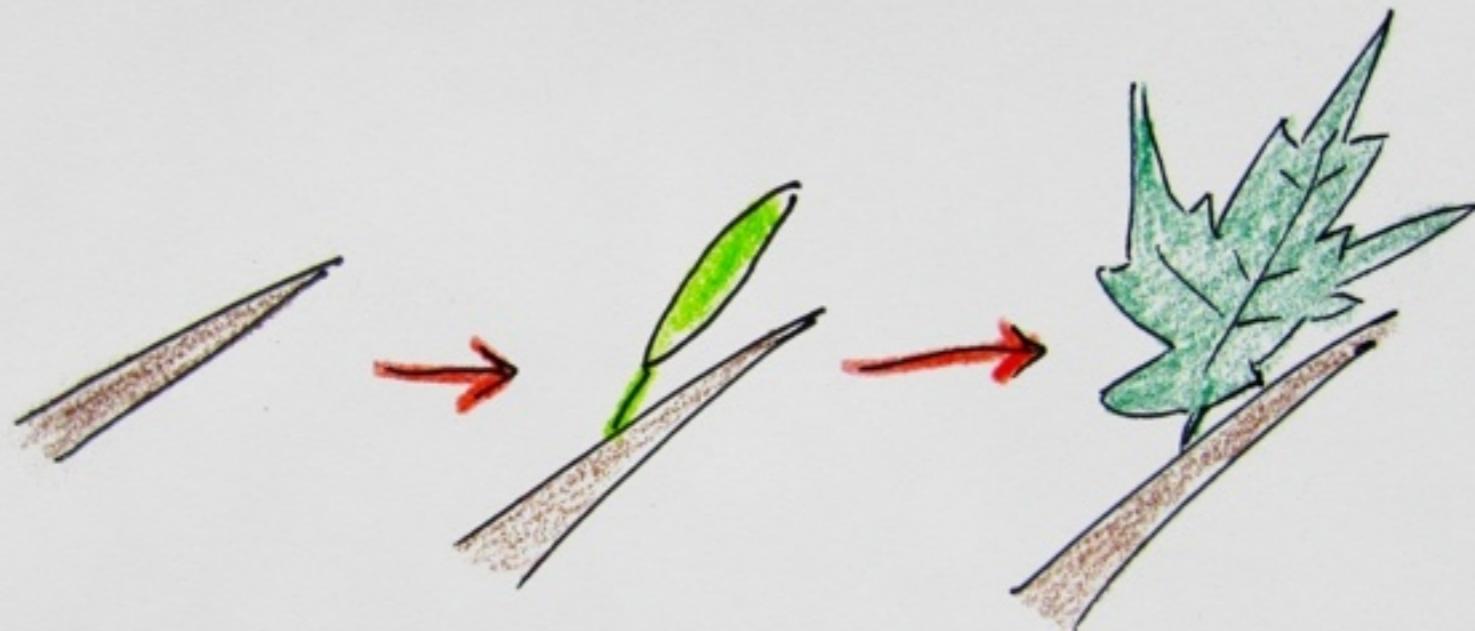
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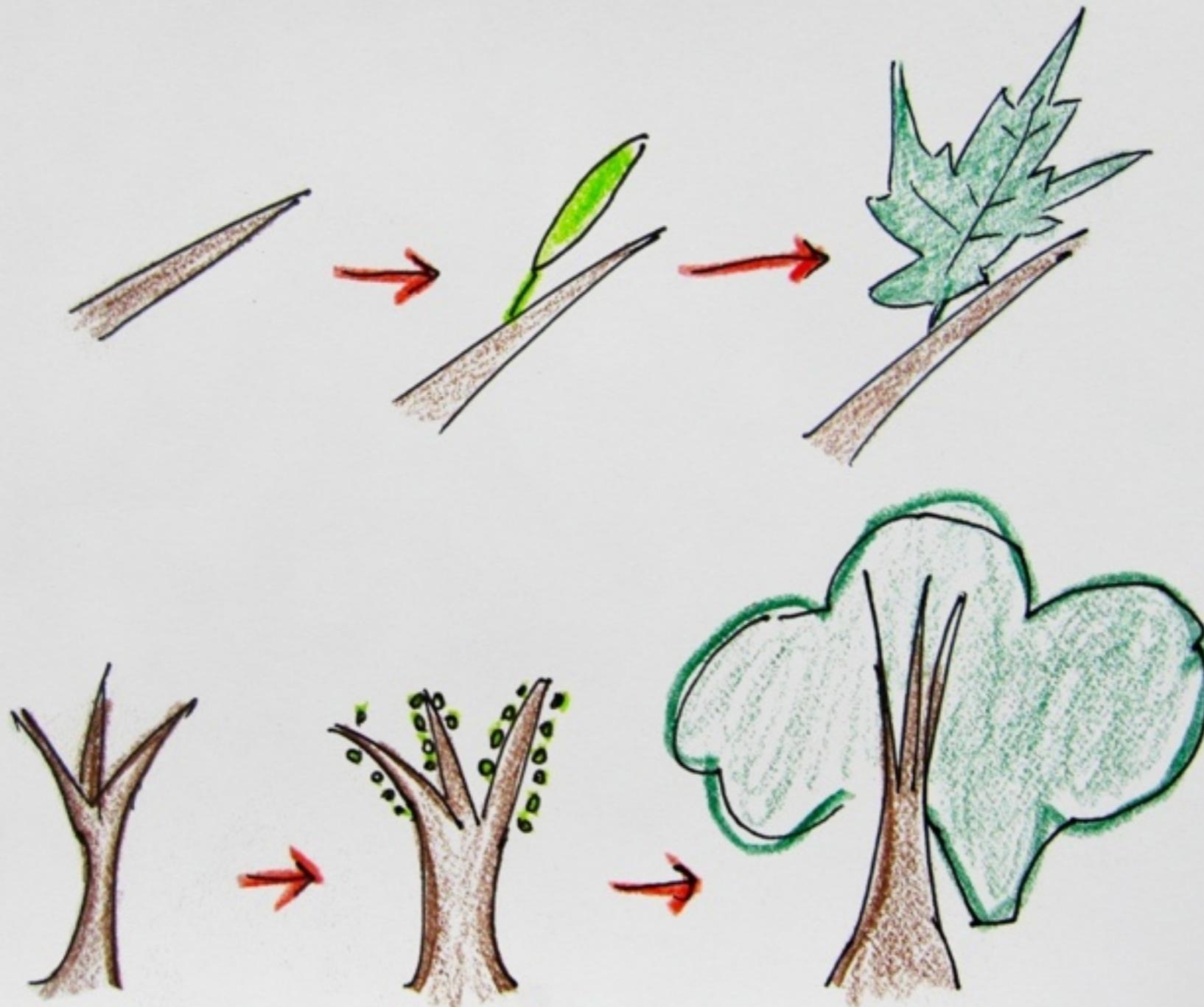
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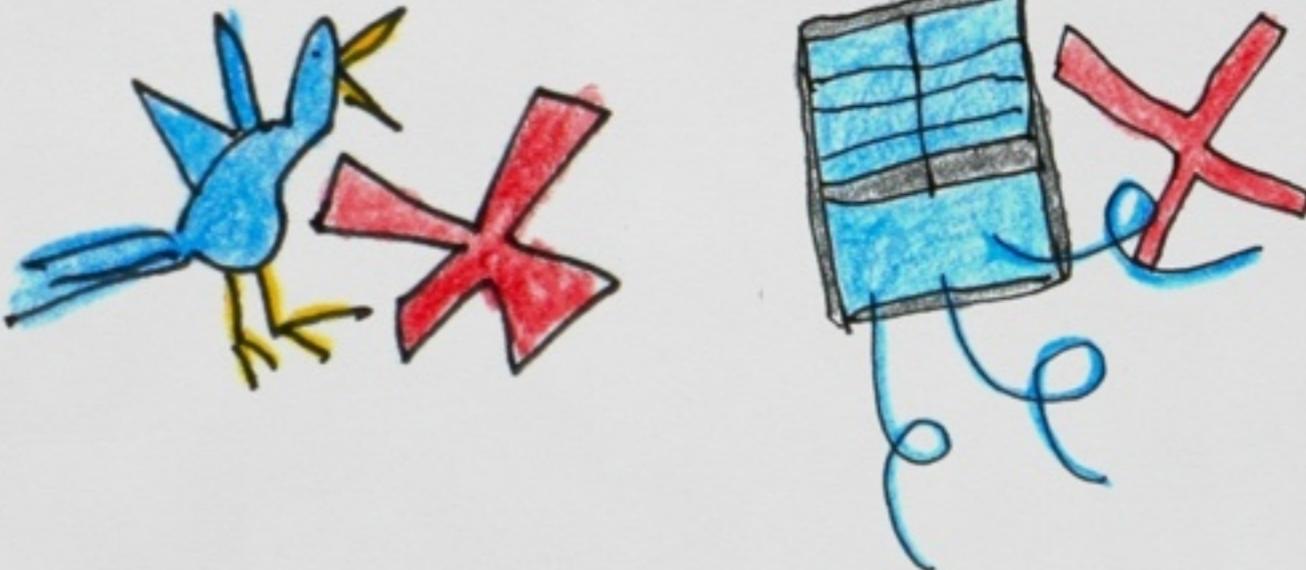


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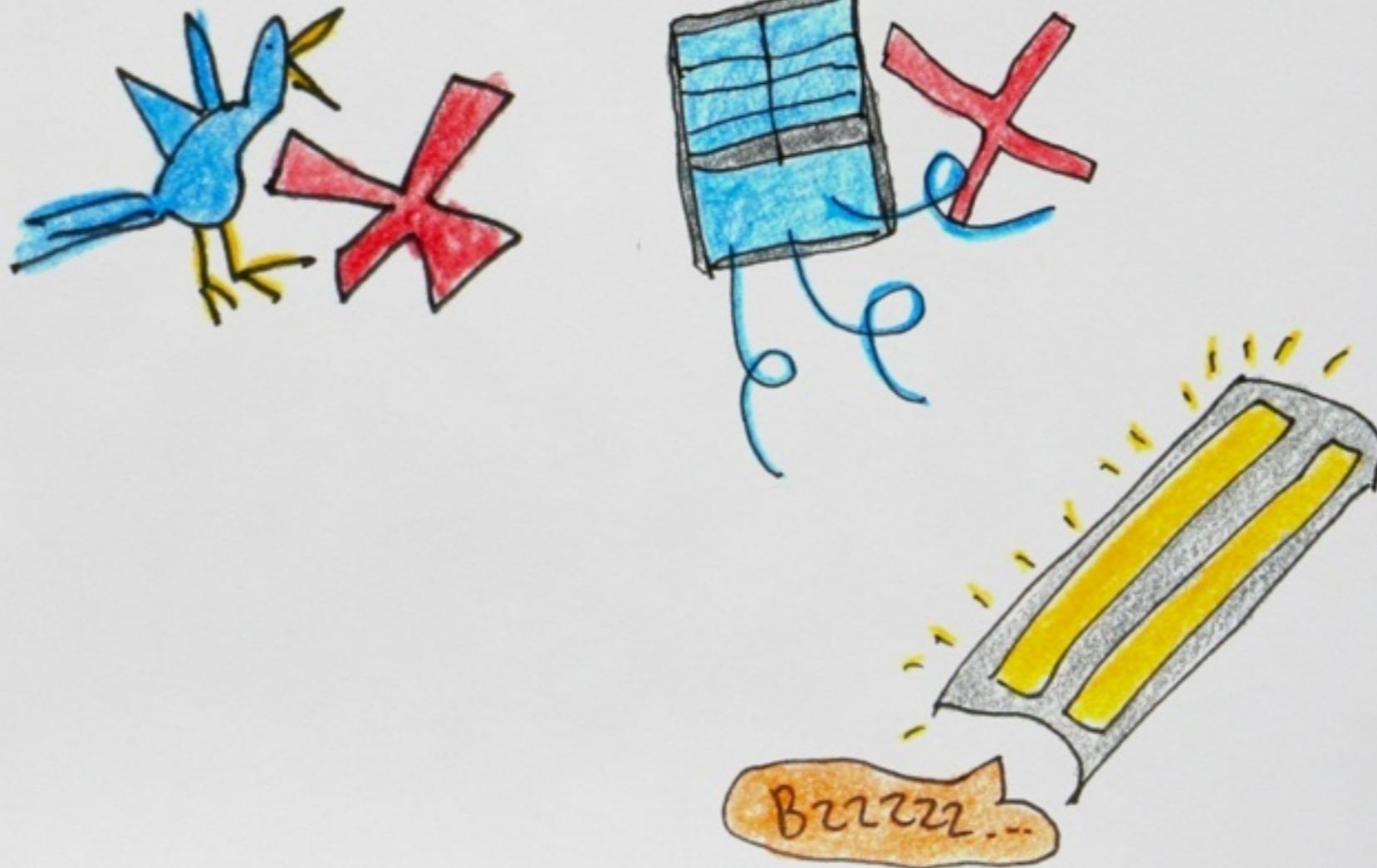


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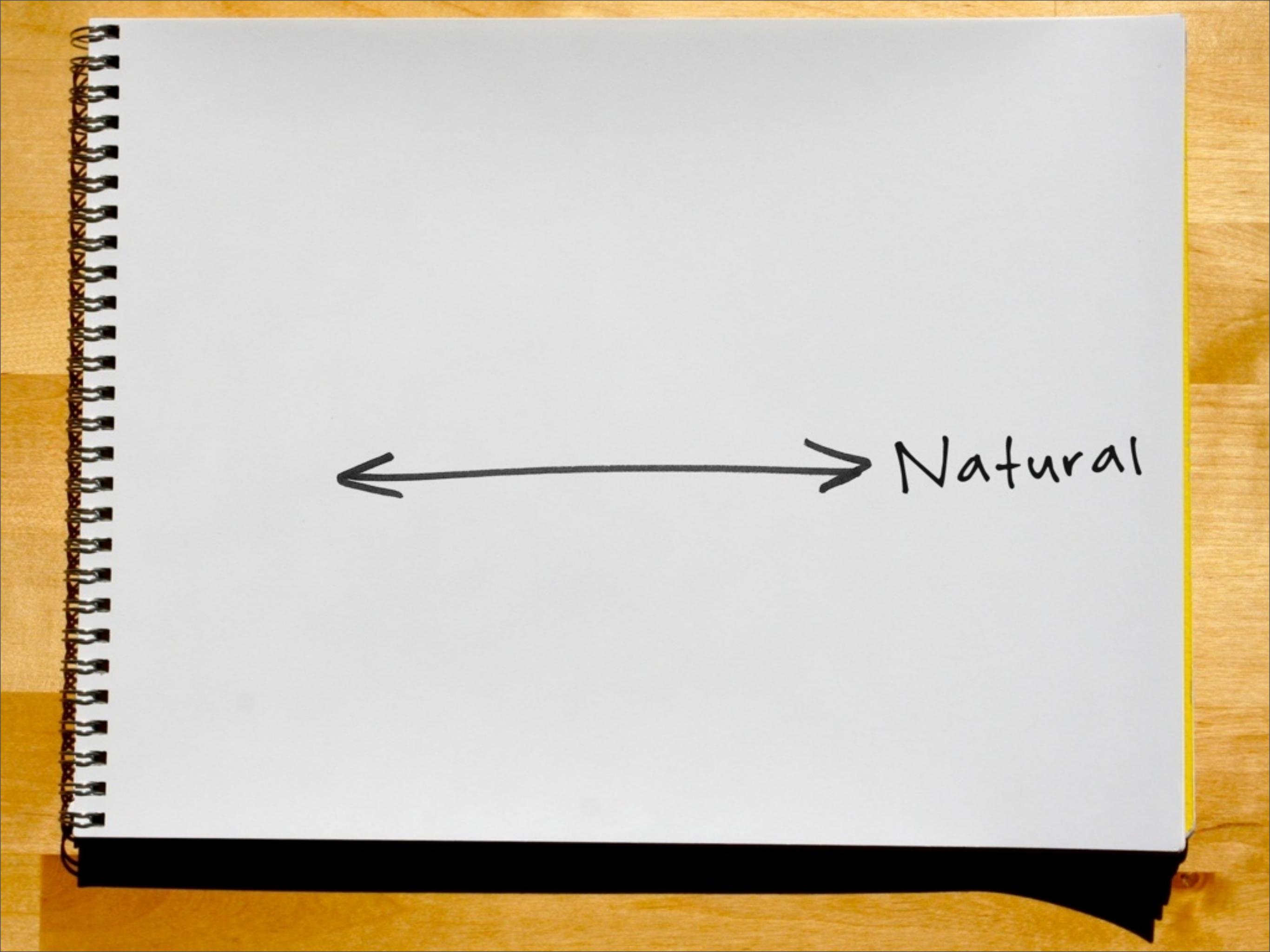
What are the outdoors?  
What is nature?

What are the outdoors?

What is nature?

**OUTSIDE AND INSIDE**





← → Natural

Built ← → Natural

Built ← → Natural







cruise  
ship

Built



computers

→ Natural



trees



cruise  
ship

disco ball

Built ← → Natural



computers



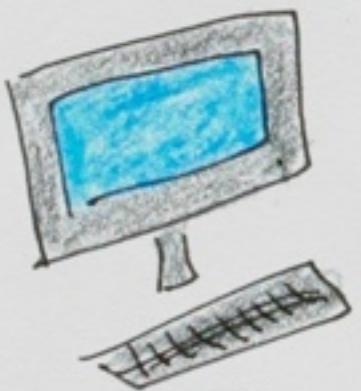
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ship

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Built <————→ Natural



computers



fluorescent  
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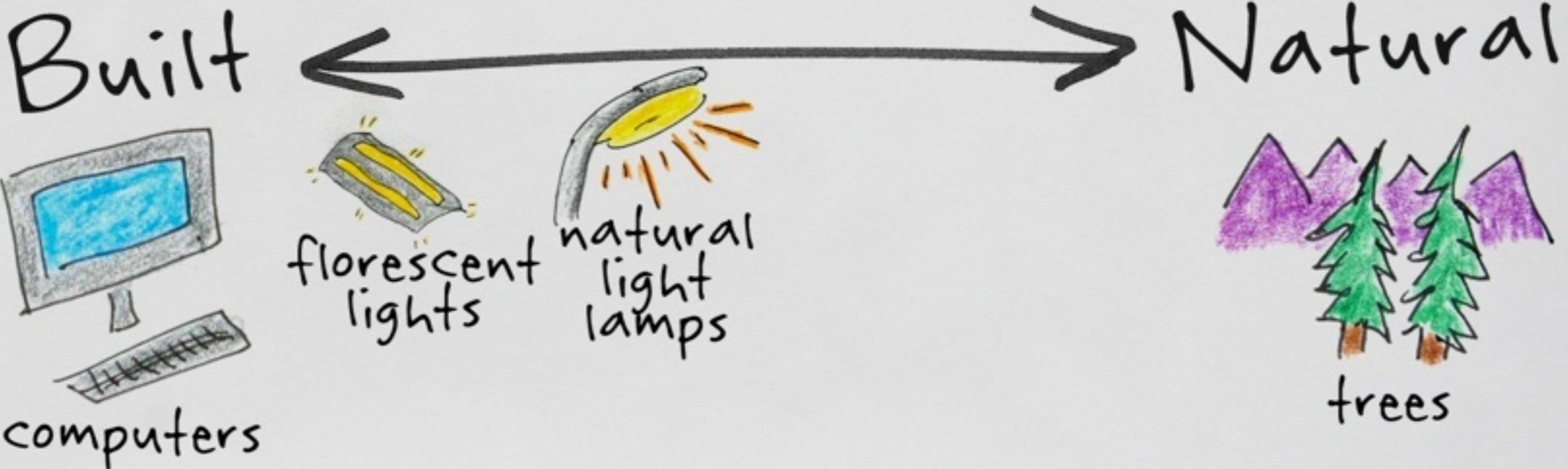


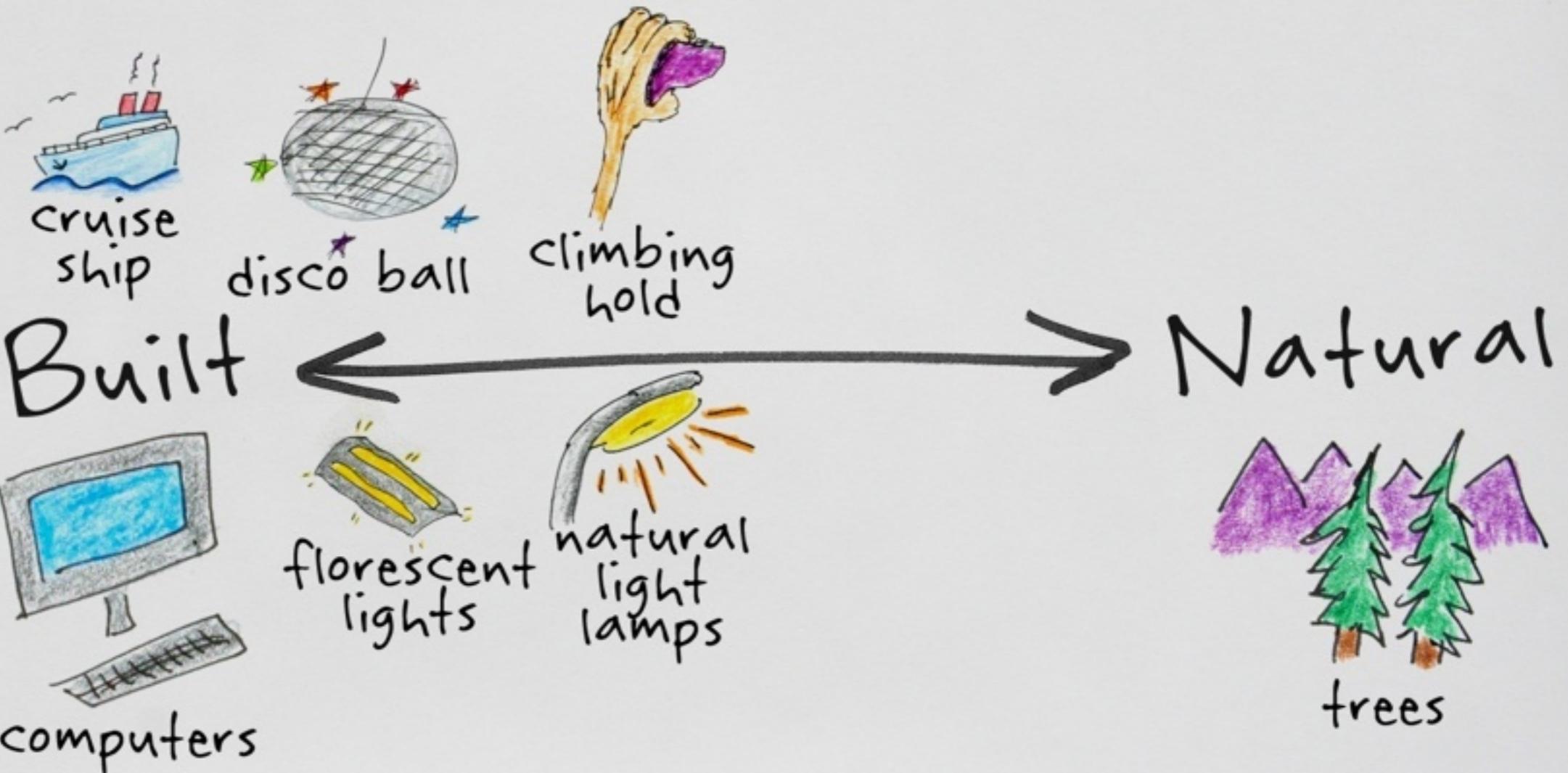
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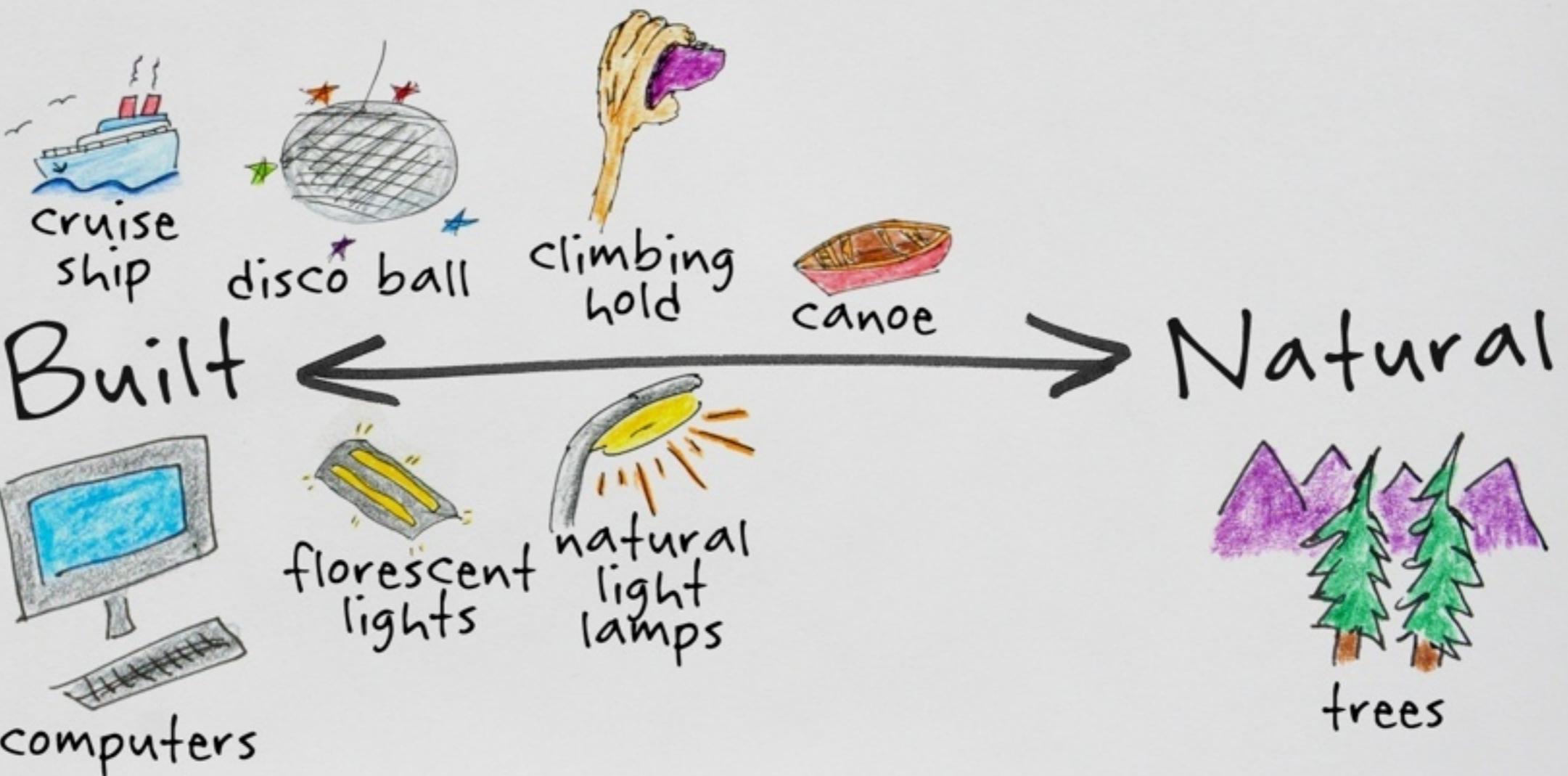


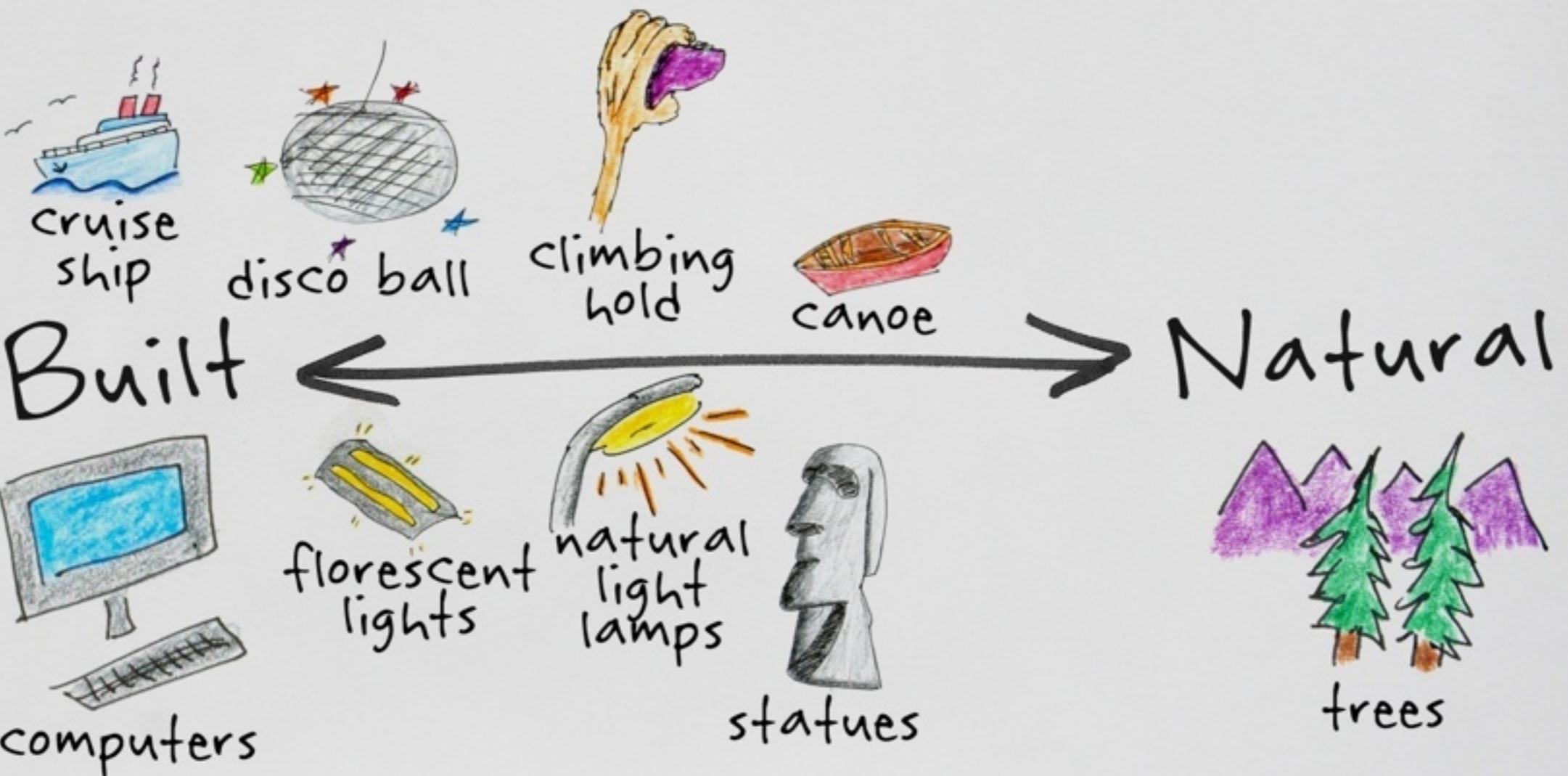
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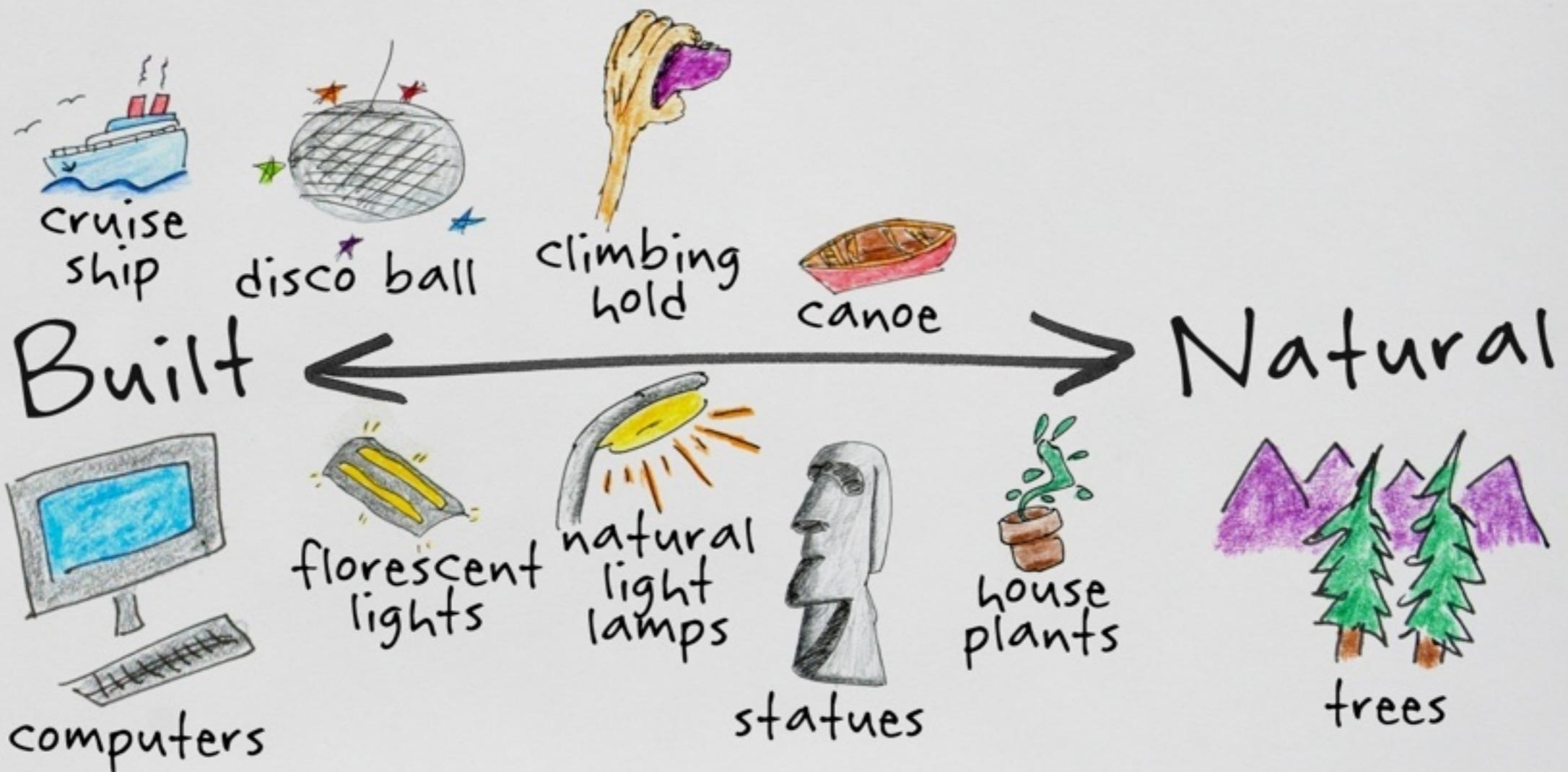
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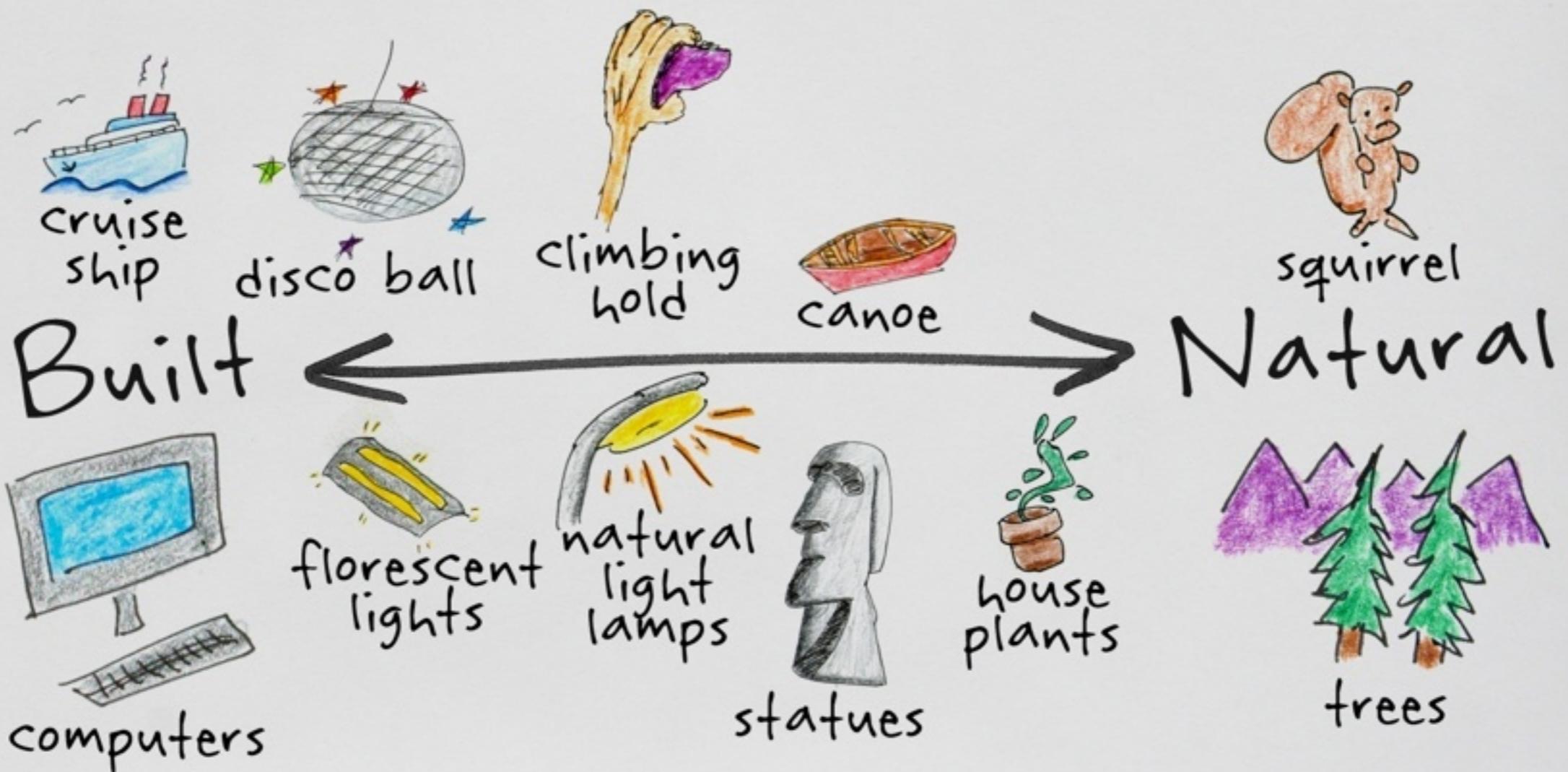


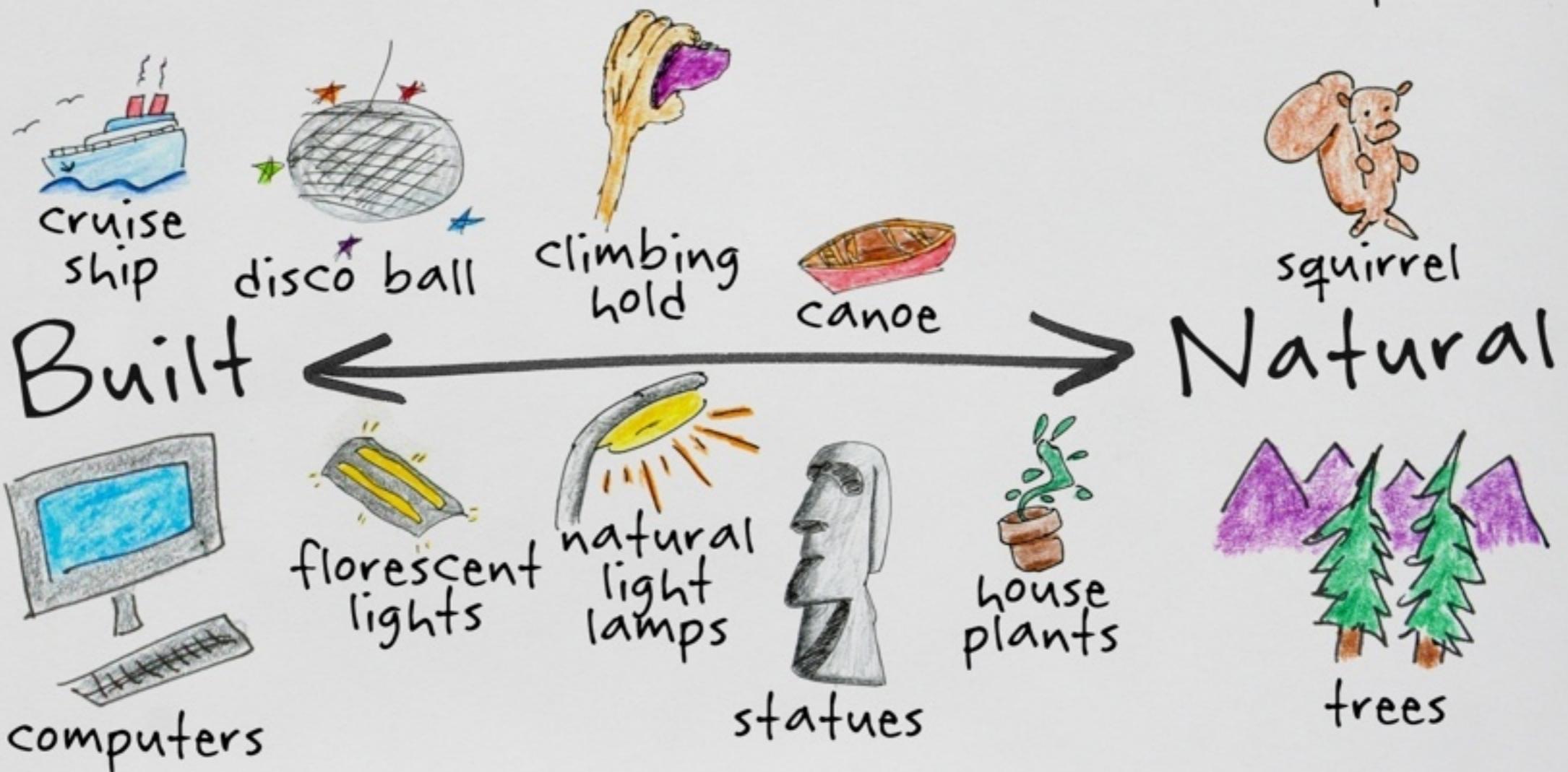










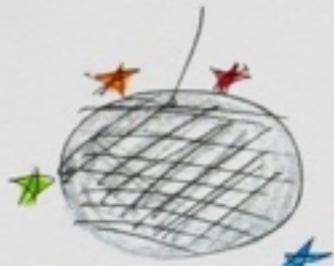




ninjas



cruise  
ship



disco ball



climbing  
hold



canoe



pirates



squirrel

Built



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Natural



fluorescent  
lights



natural  
light  
lamps



statues

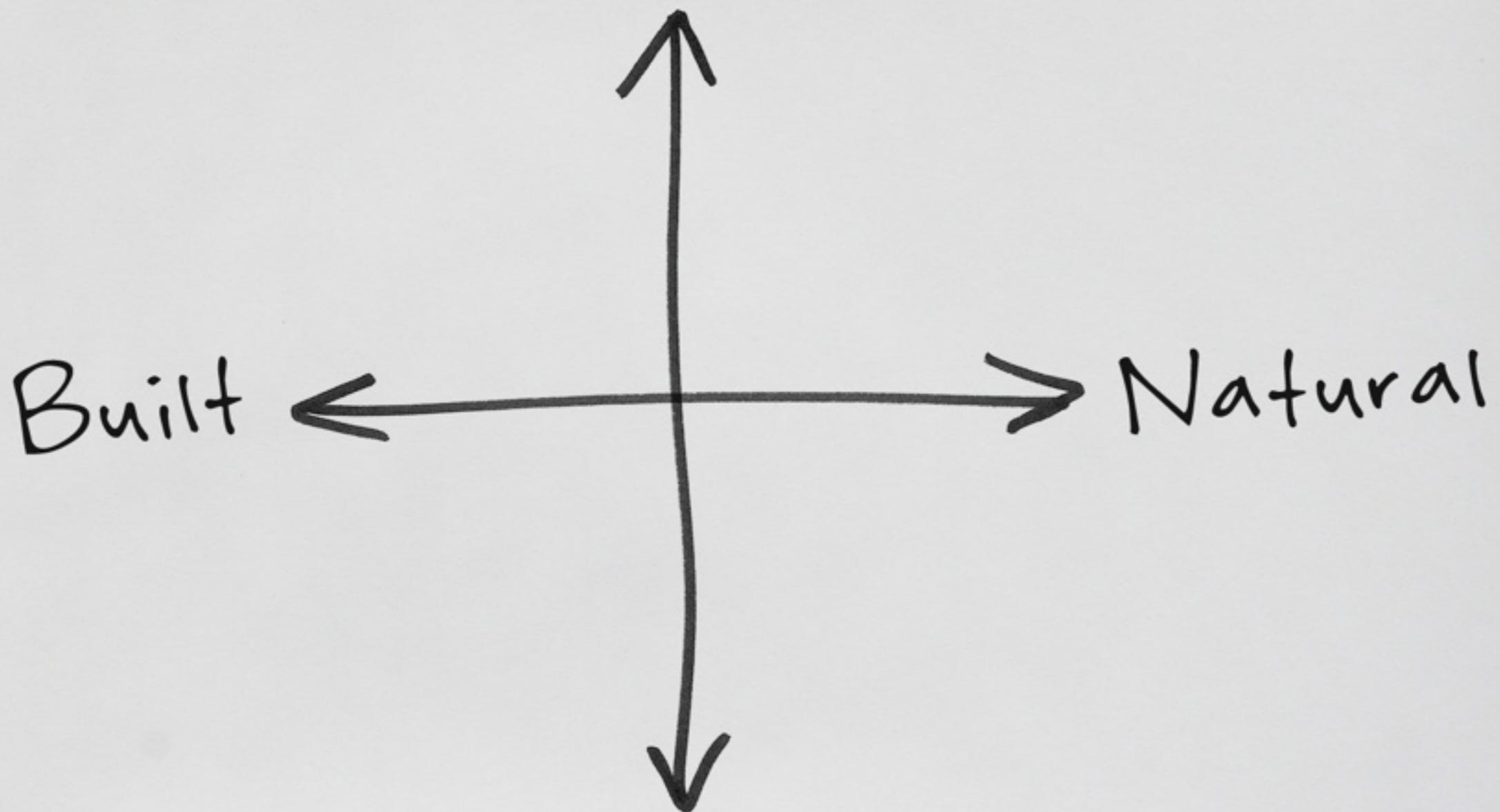


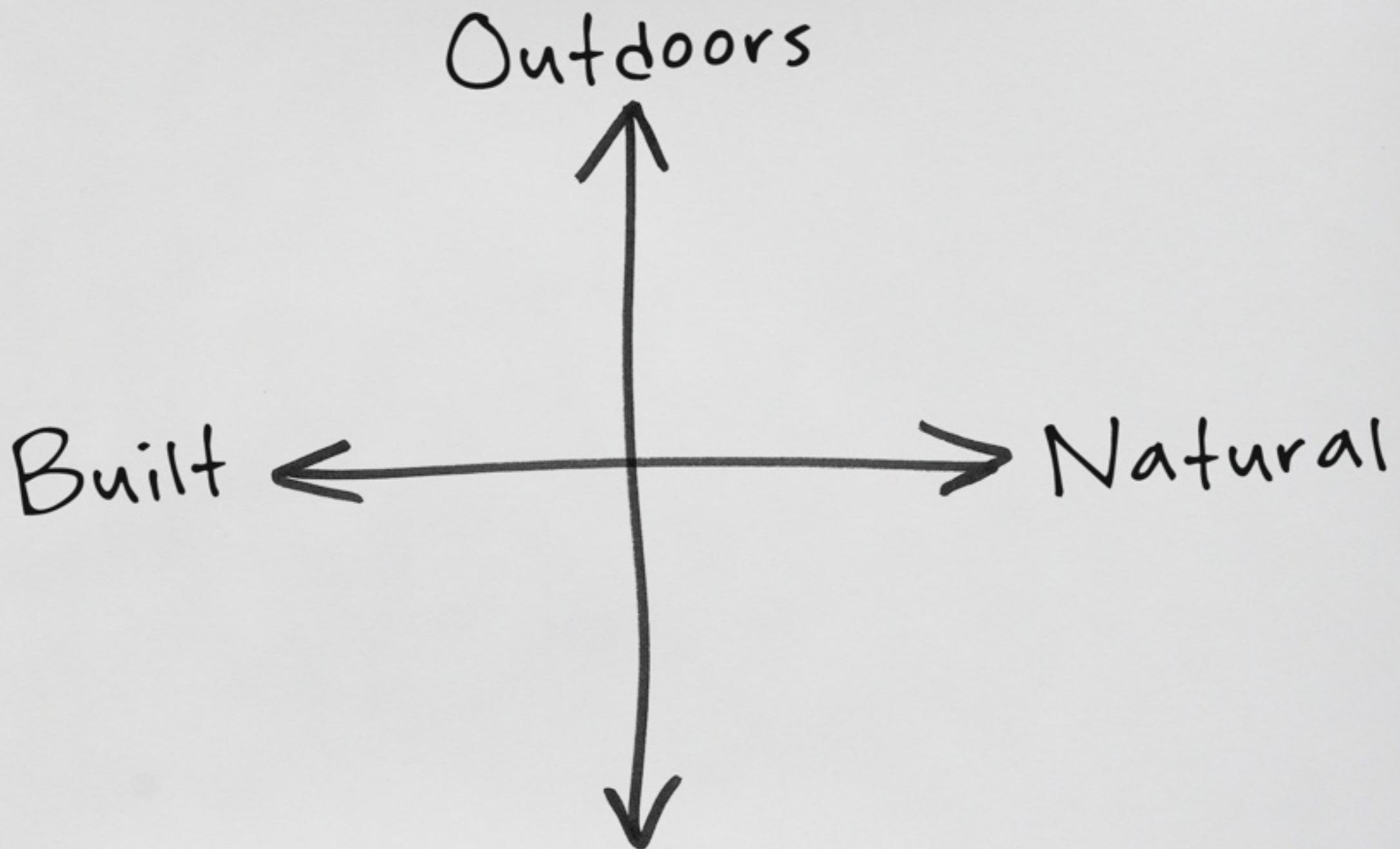
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plants

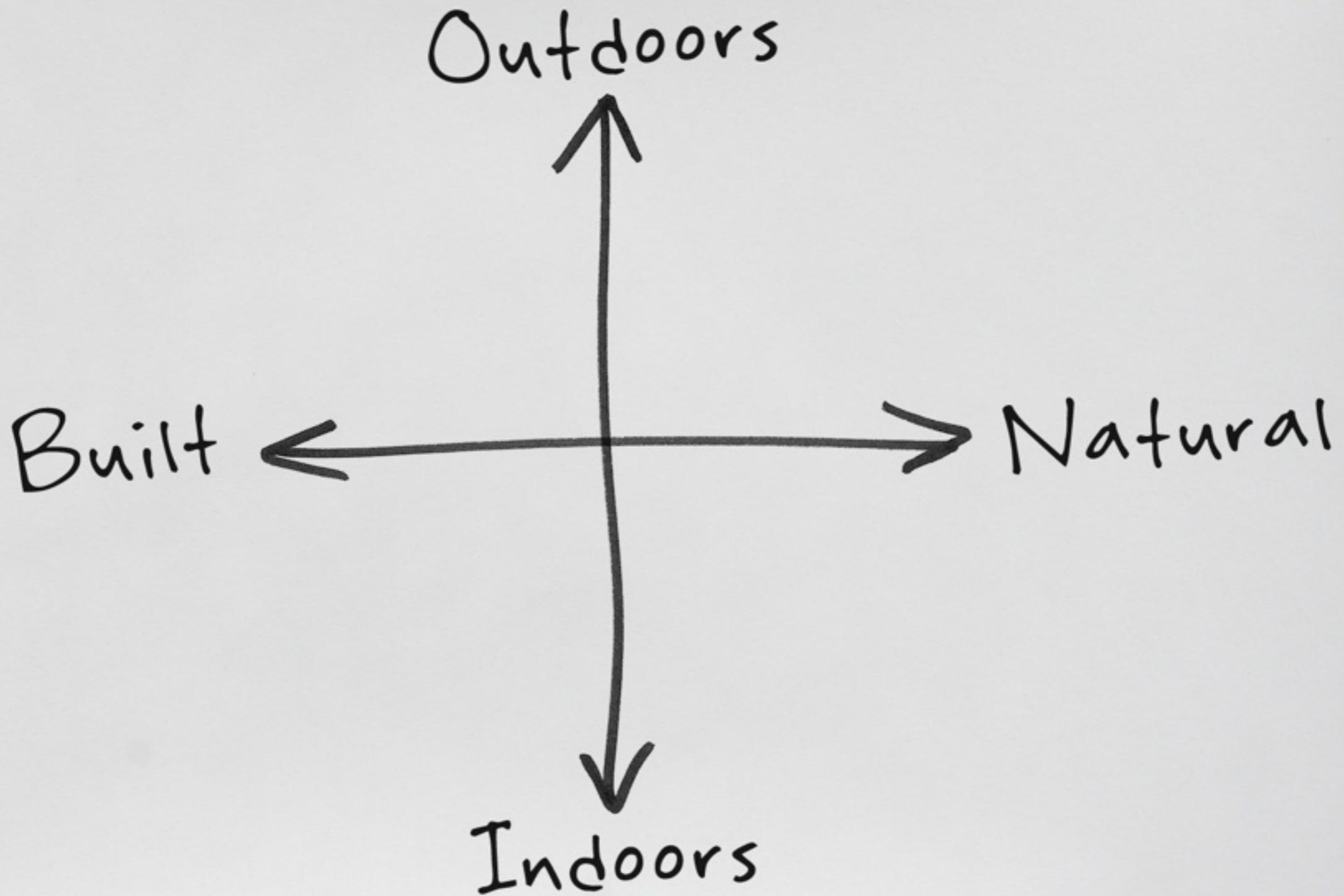


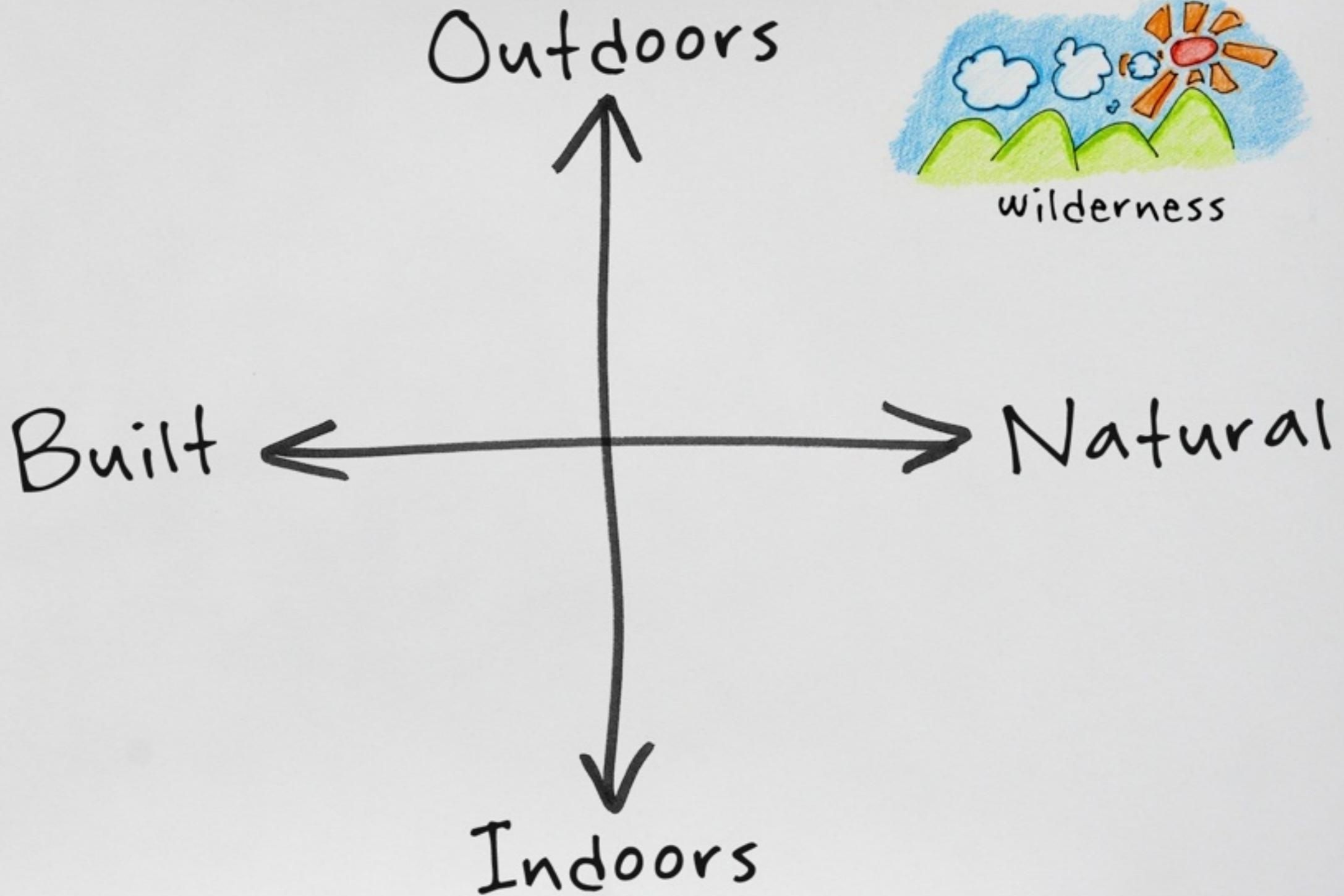
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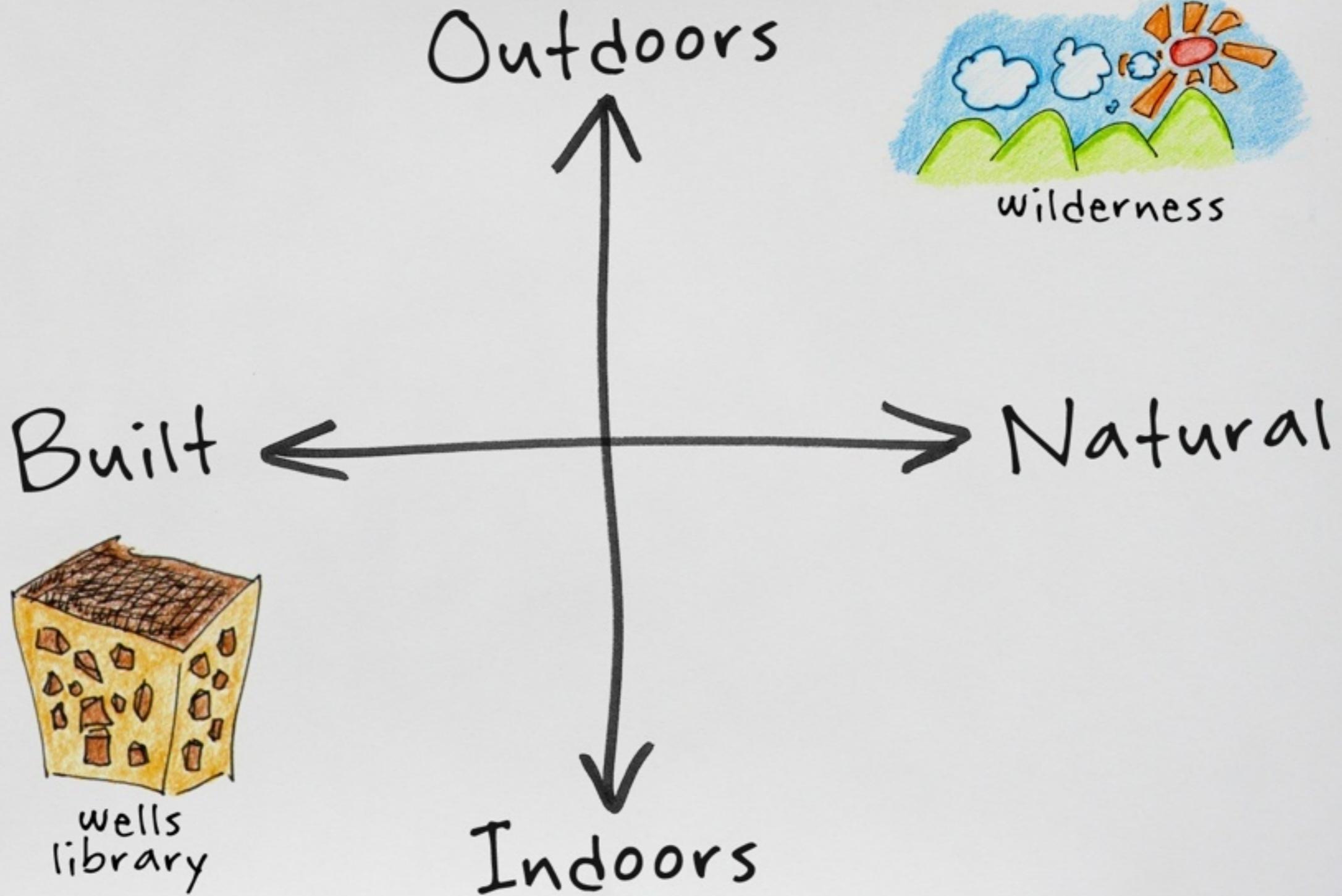
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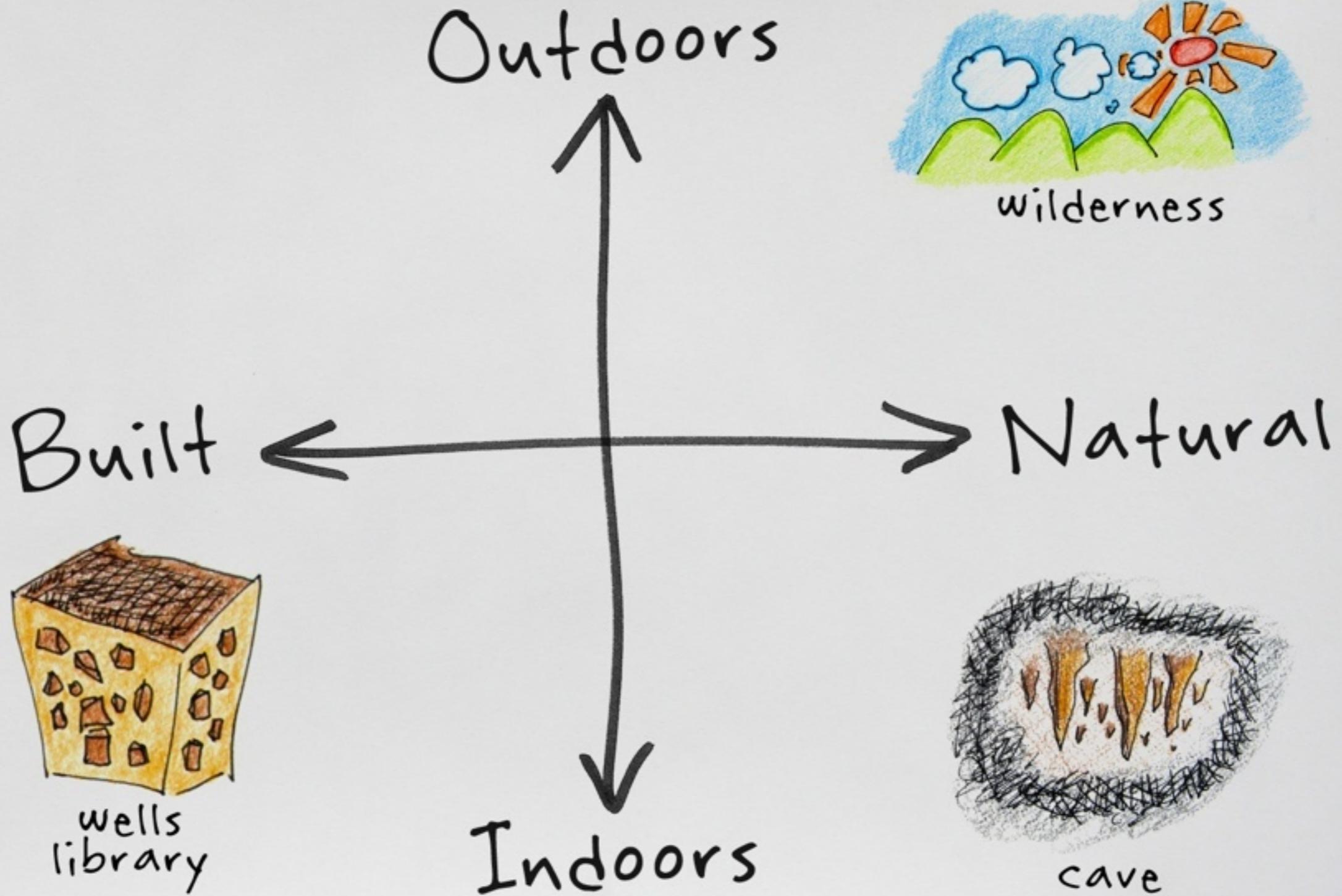














Outdoors



wilderness

Built <



wells  
library



cave

Indoors

> Natural



tent

Outdoors

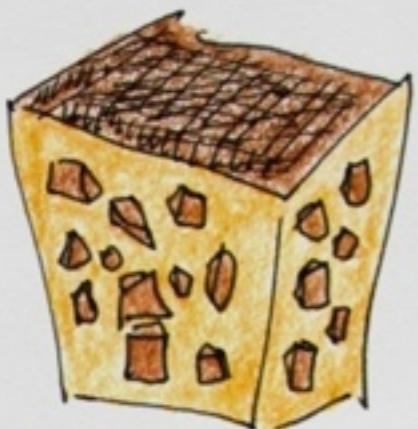


national  
park



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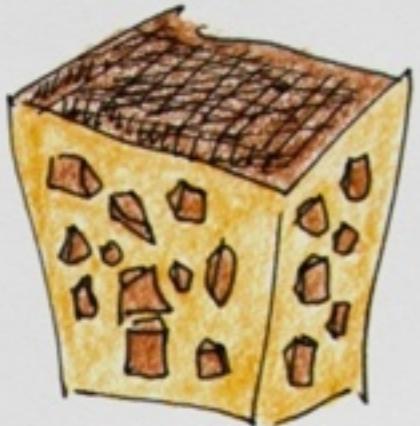


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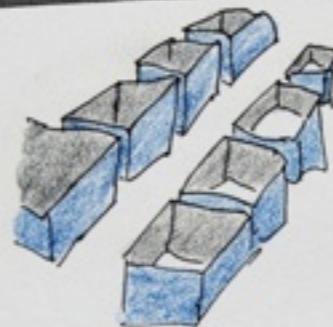


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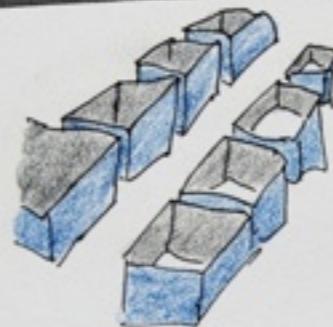


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wells library



cubicle



greenhouse

Indoors



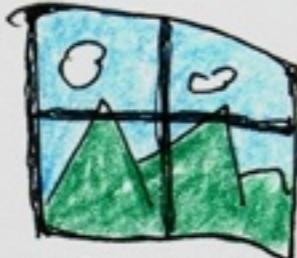
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Outdoors



window



national  
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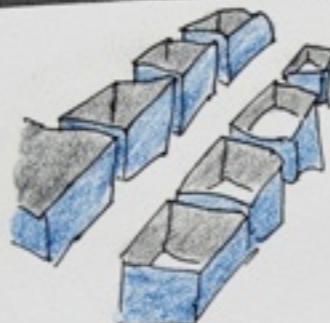


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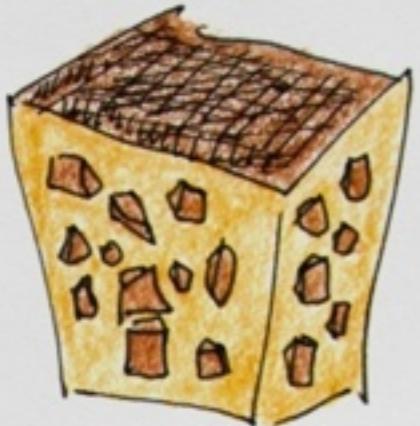
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rainy roof

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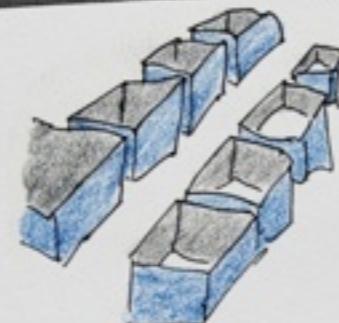


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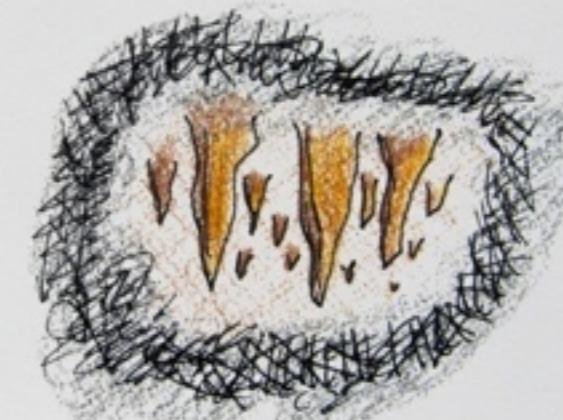


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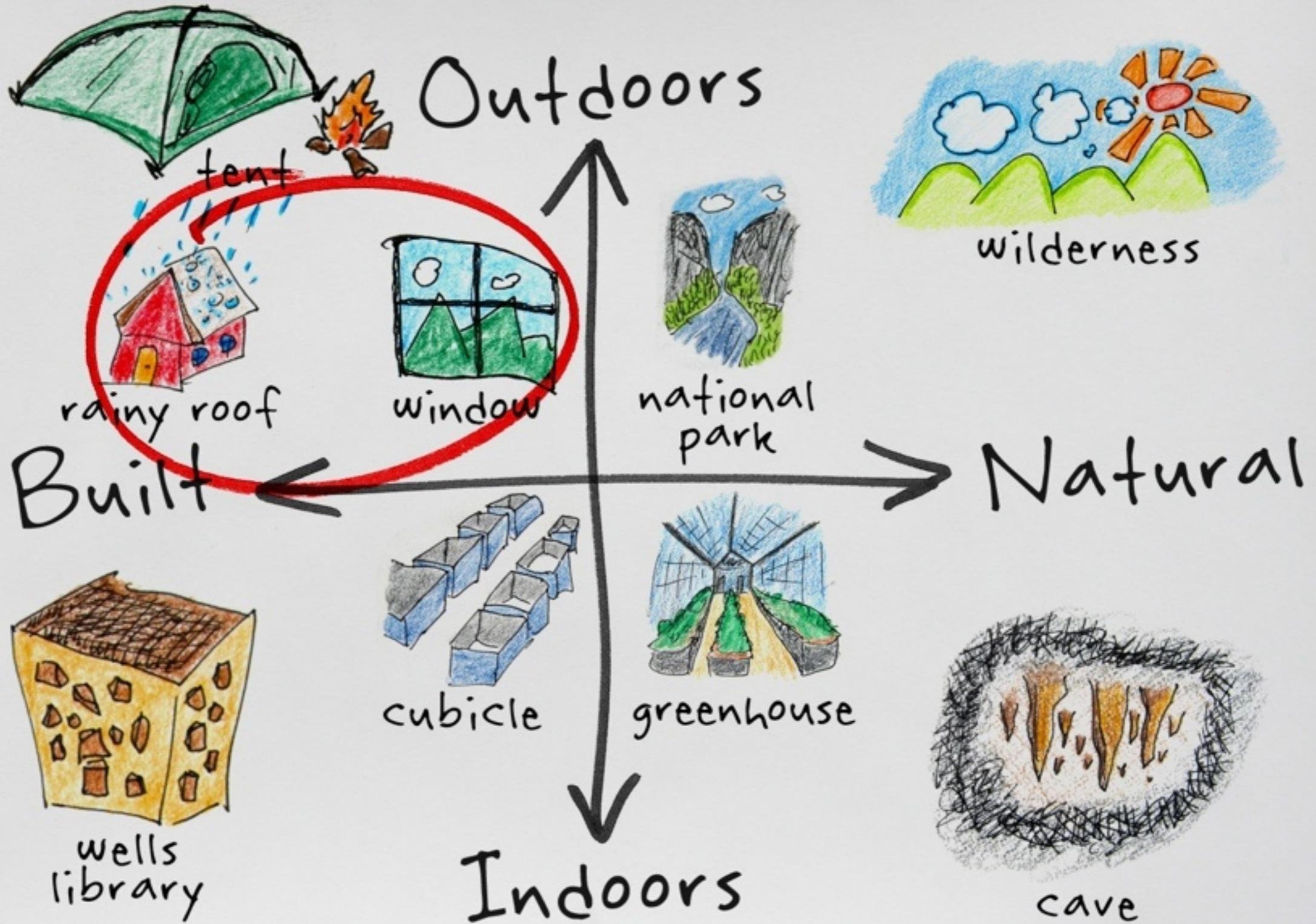


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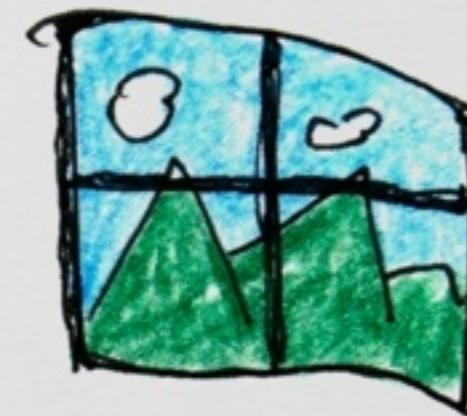
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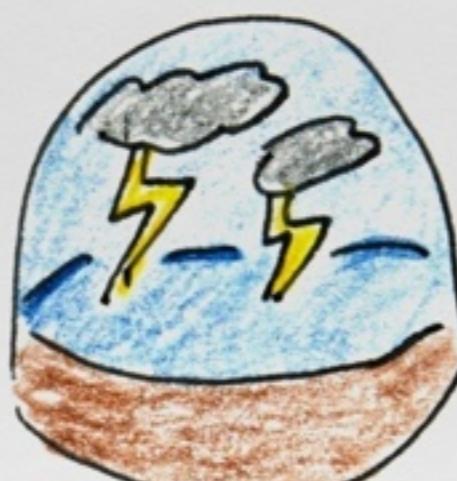


# OPPORTUNITY SPACE



# THE CHALLENGE

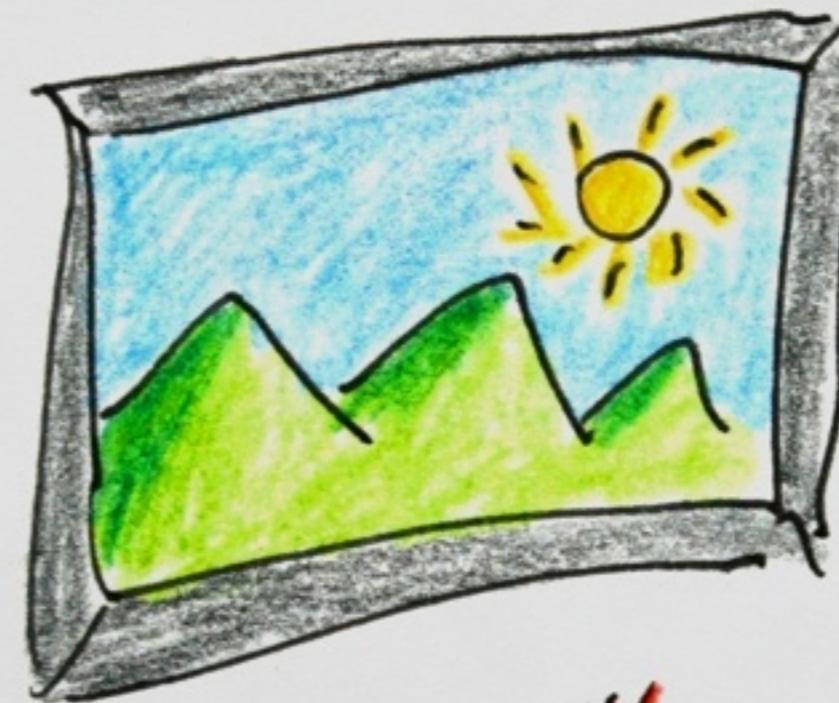
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and evokes a sense of the natural world.



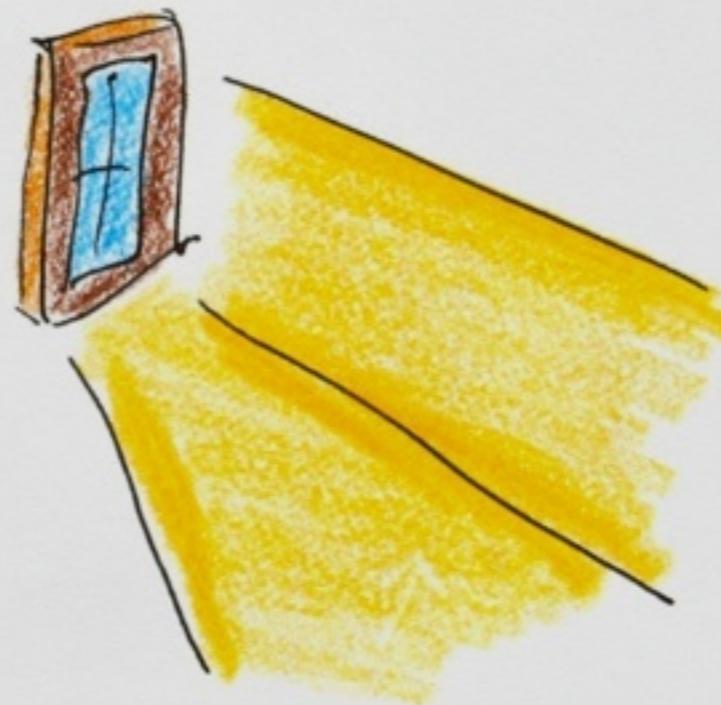
**BUT HOW?**

## BUT HOW?

"Basically, the technology you need  
is called a WINDOW." - Bob









EMPLOYEE  
OF THE  
YEAR



10:45 AM, March 4th

10:47 AM

10:48 AM

10:50 AM

# CONCEPTS IN LIGHT

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Permeable Ceiling

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Fiber Optic Floor

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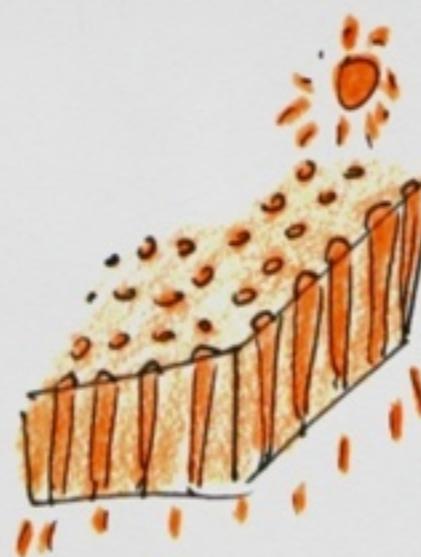
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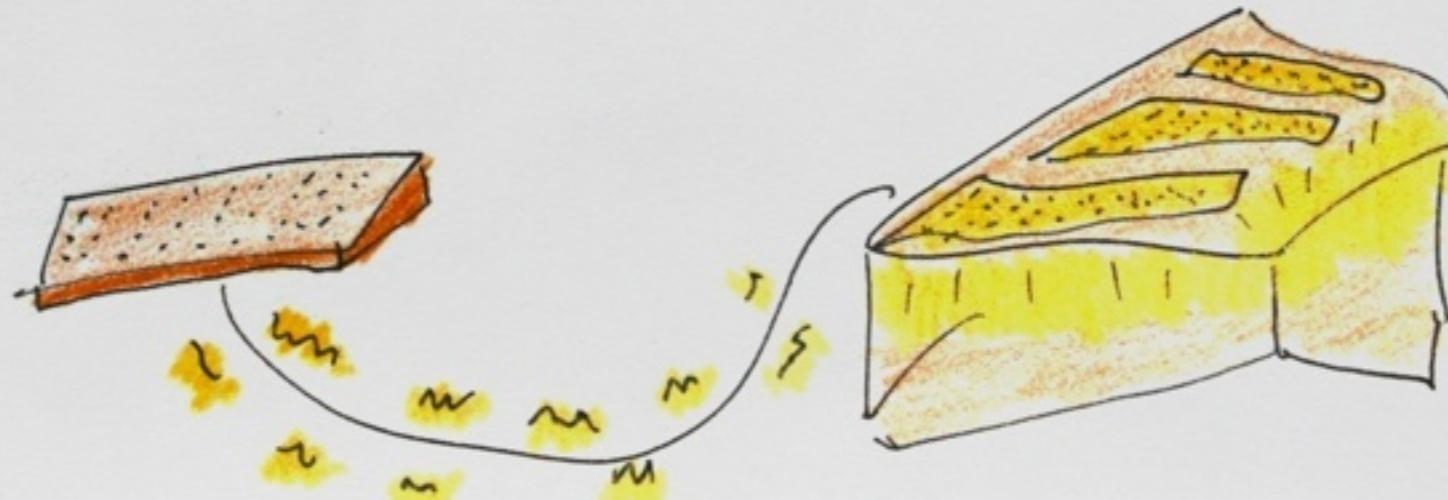
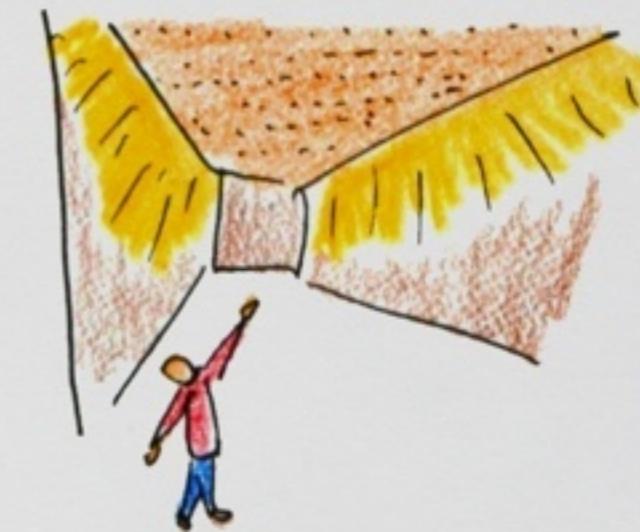
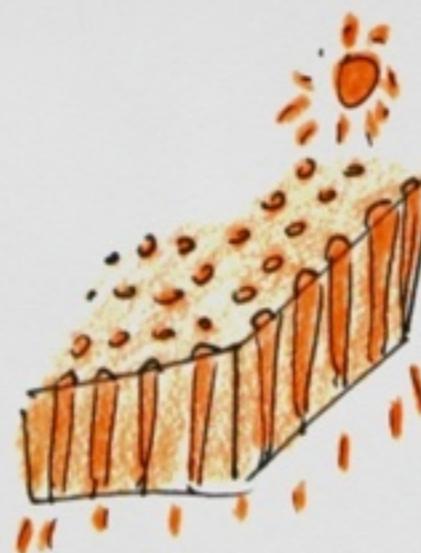
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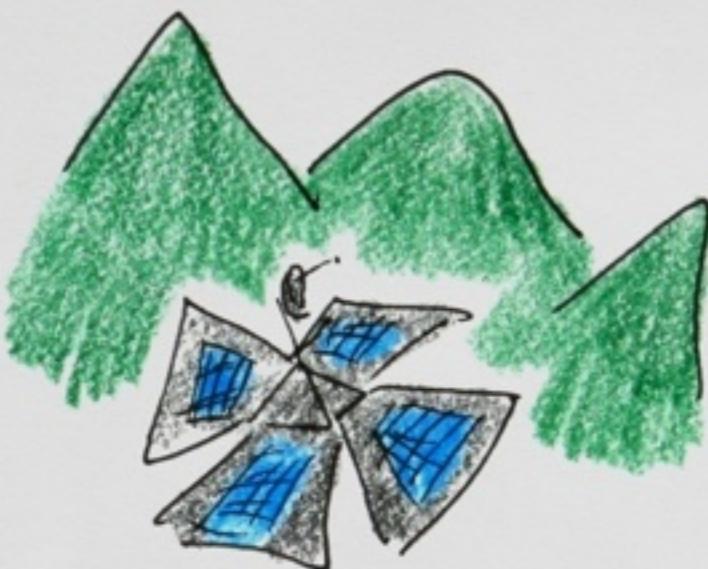
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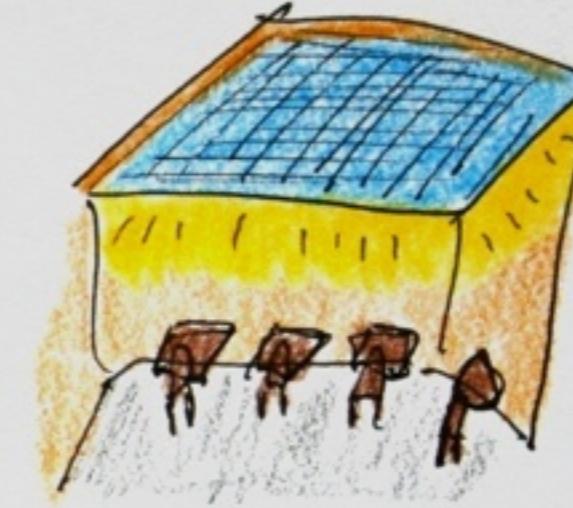
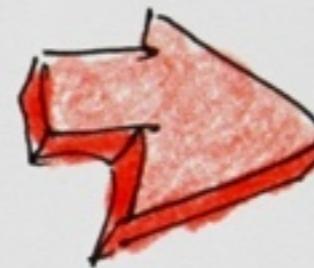
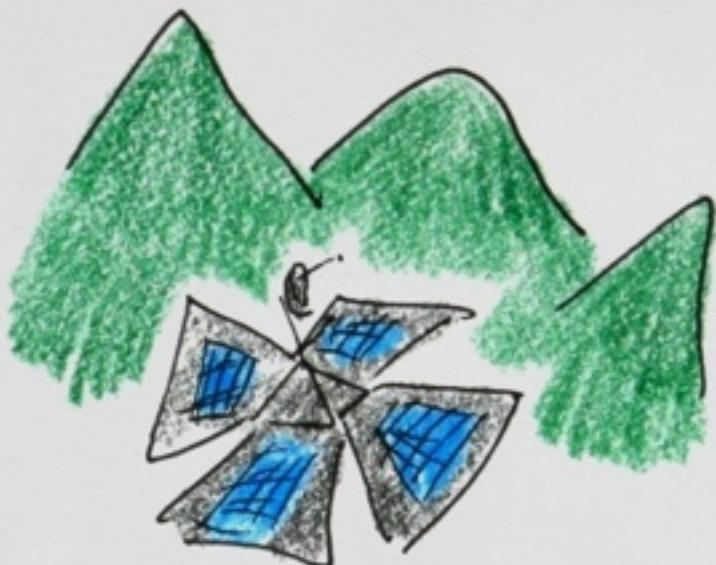
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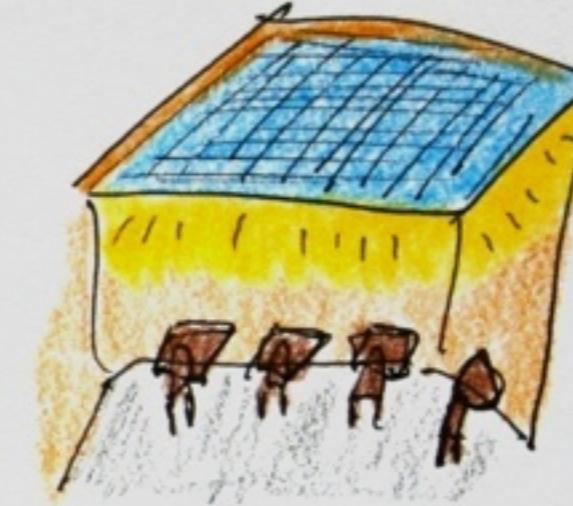
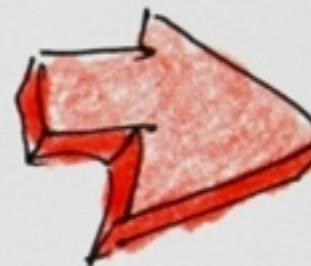
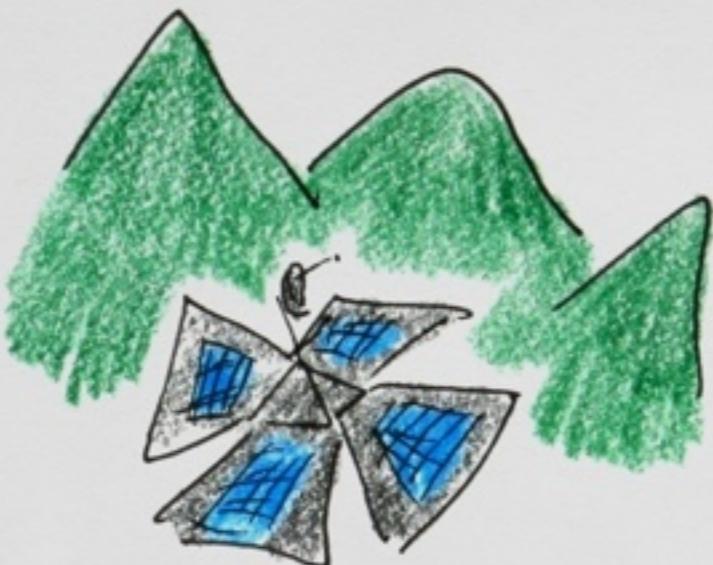
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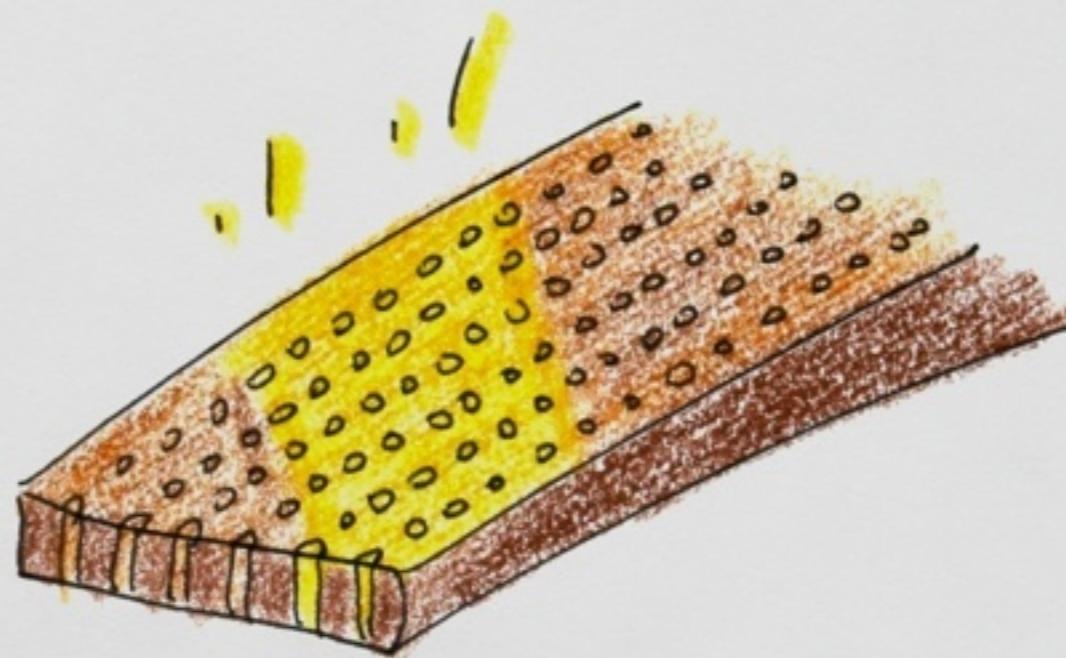
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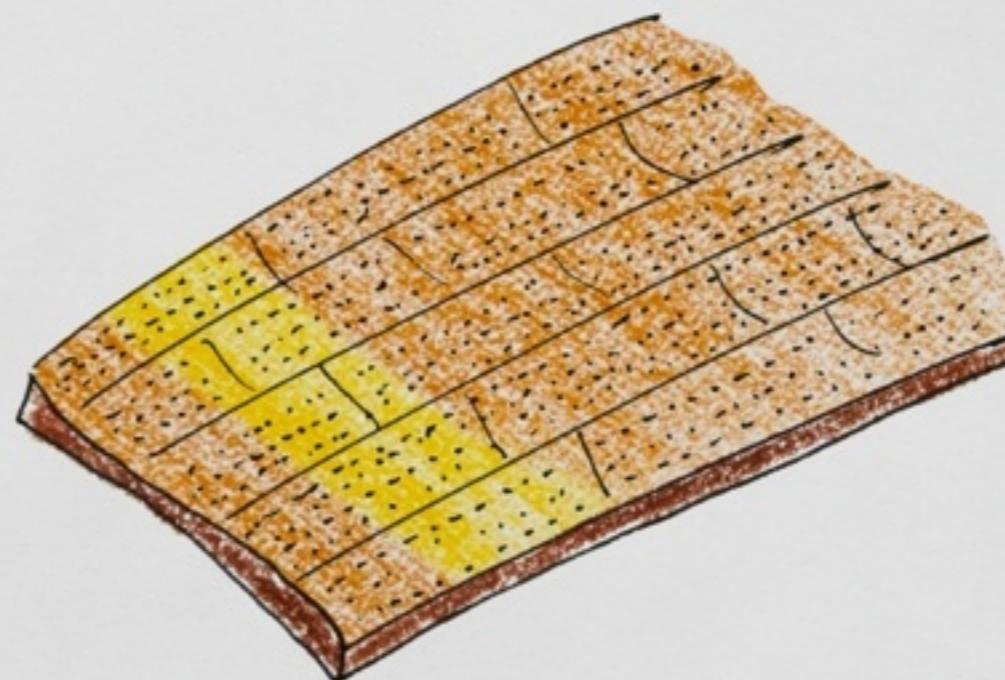




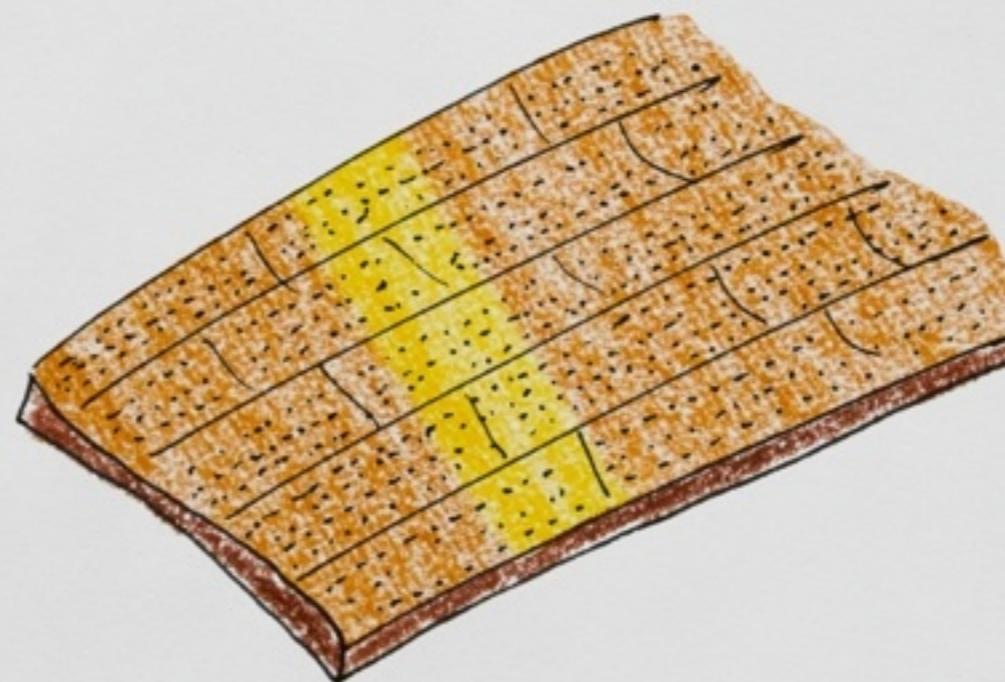
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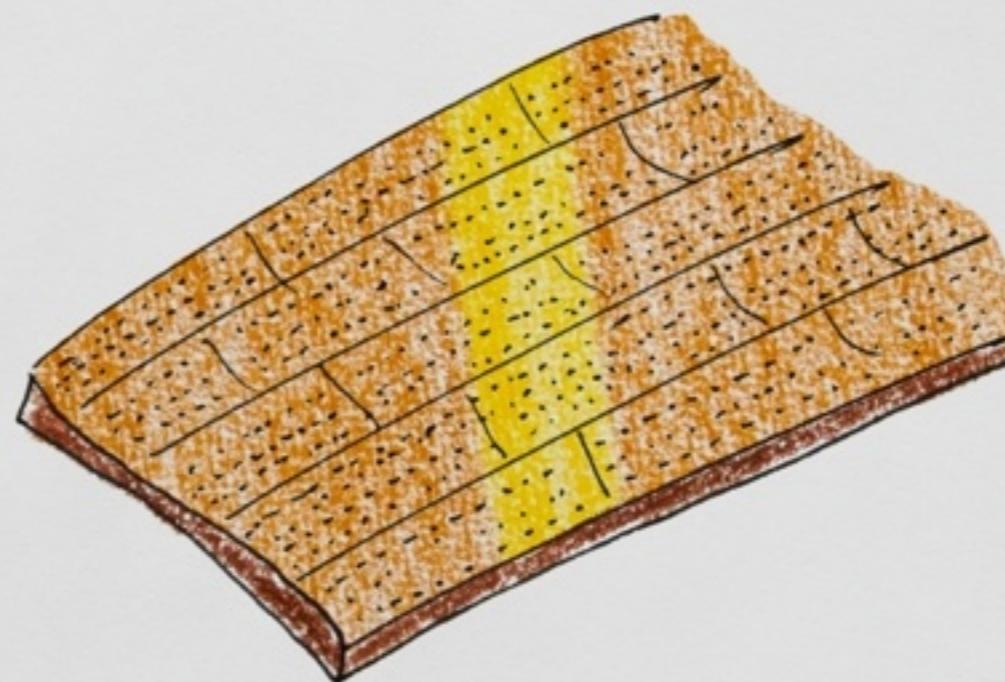
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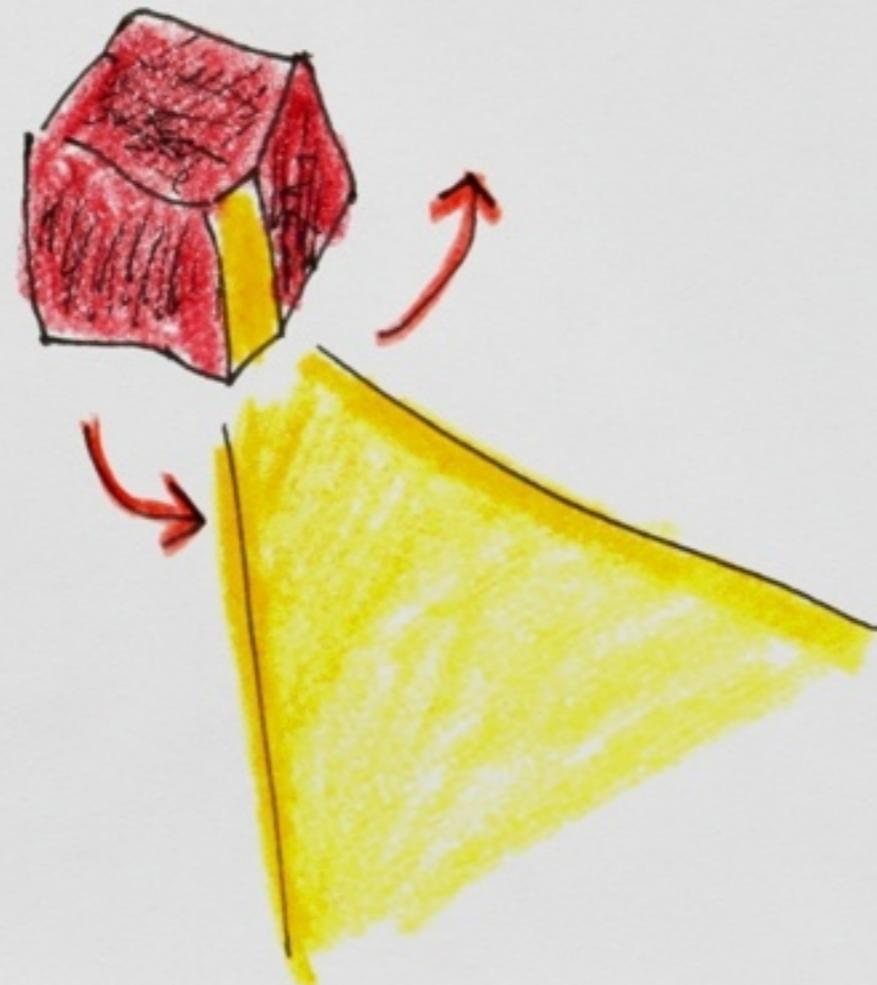
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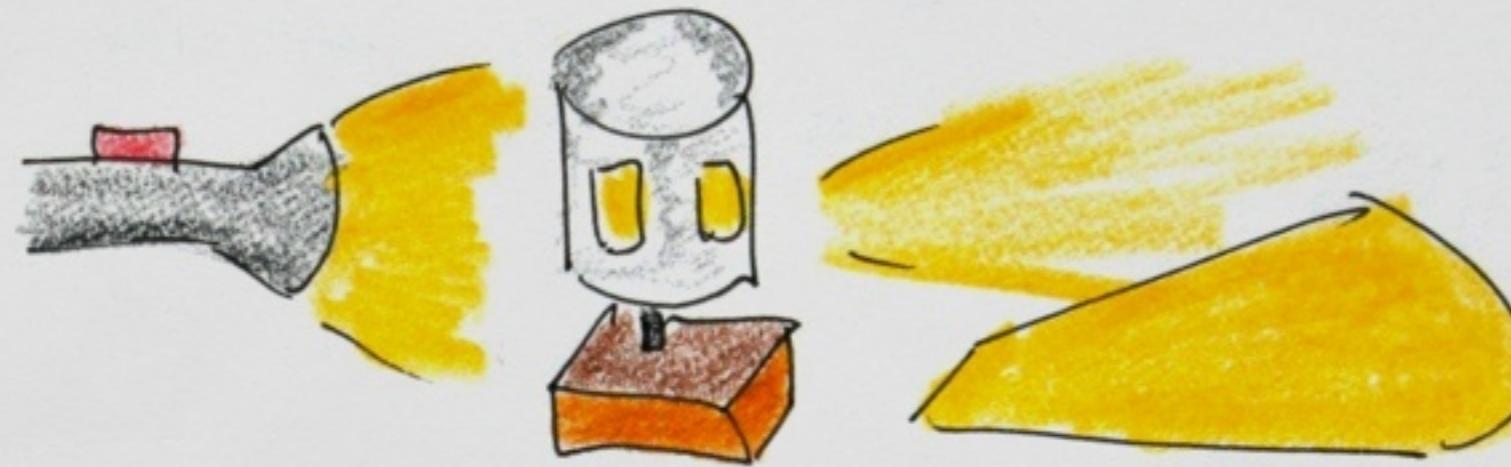
# FIBER OPTIC FLOOR



# THE CHRONOCUBE



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A photograph of a desk setup. In the foreground, a white computer keyboard is angled towards the left. A blue mousepad with a silver trackball is positioned below it. To the right of the keyboard is a yellow ceramic mug with a black handle. The mug features the text "EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR" in large, bold, black capital letters, with "the office" and "TM & © Universal Network Television LLC" printed smaller at the bottom. Behind the mug is a black mesh pencil holder filled with various colored pens, pencils, and a pair of red-handled scissors. A blue stapler lies on the dark blue desk surface to the left of the pencil holder. In the background, a white lamp with a blue base is visible on the left, and a dark blue wall is on the right.

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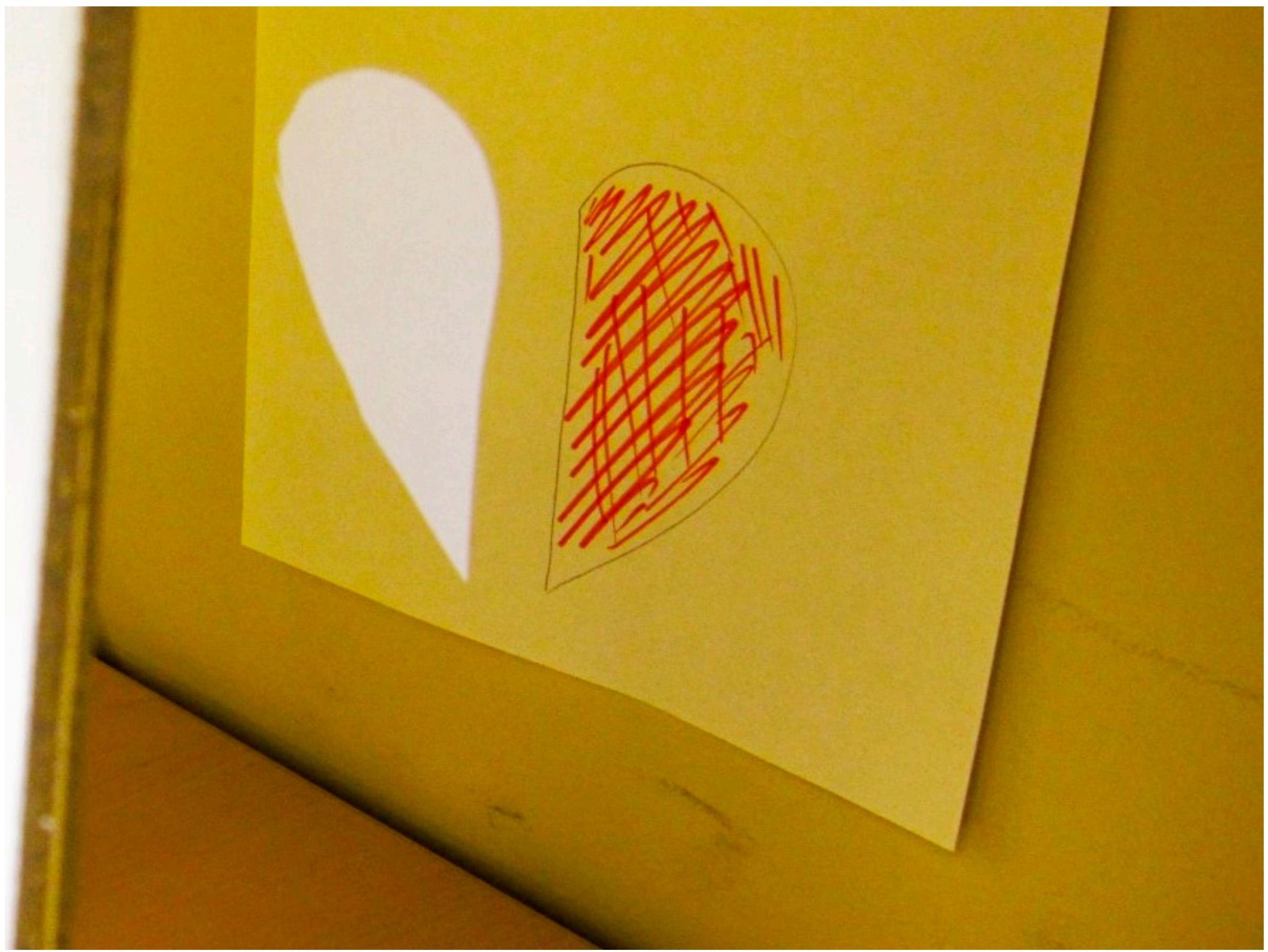
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**BEYOND THE OUTDOORS**







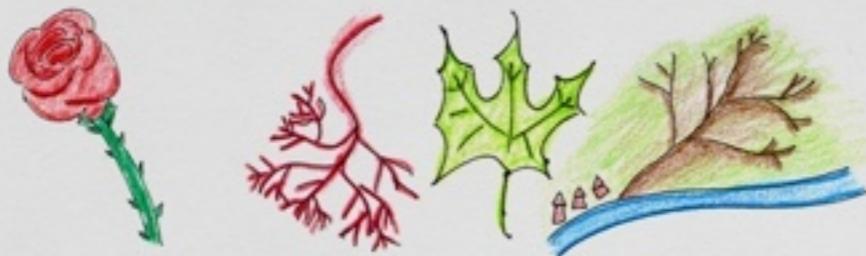


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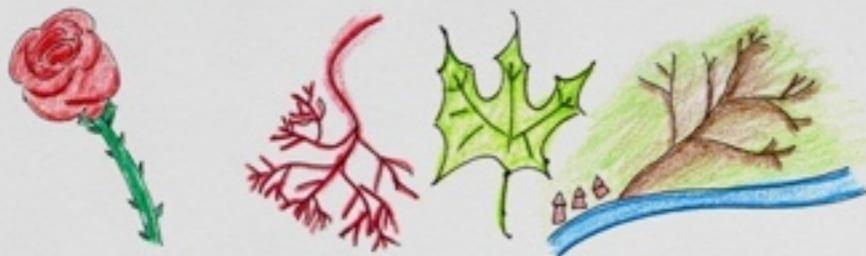
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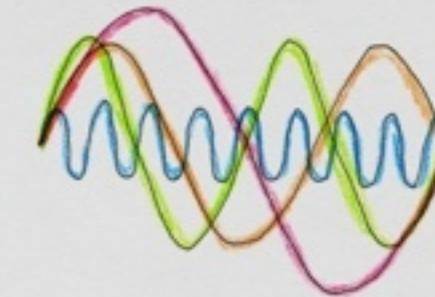
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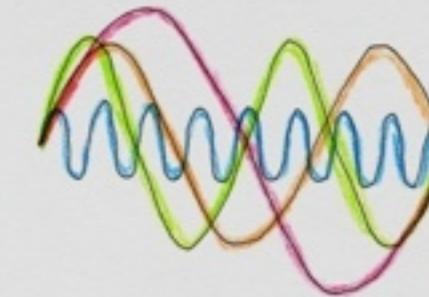
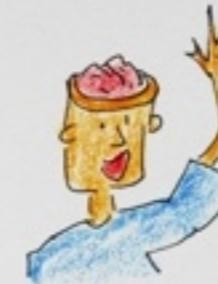
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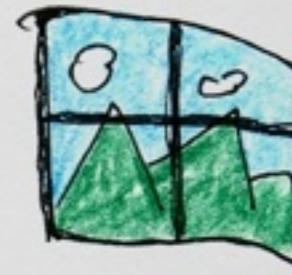
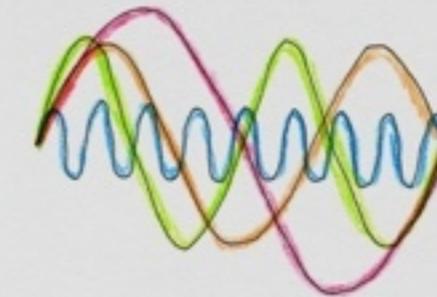
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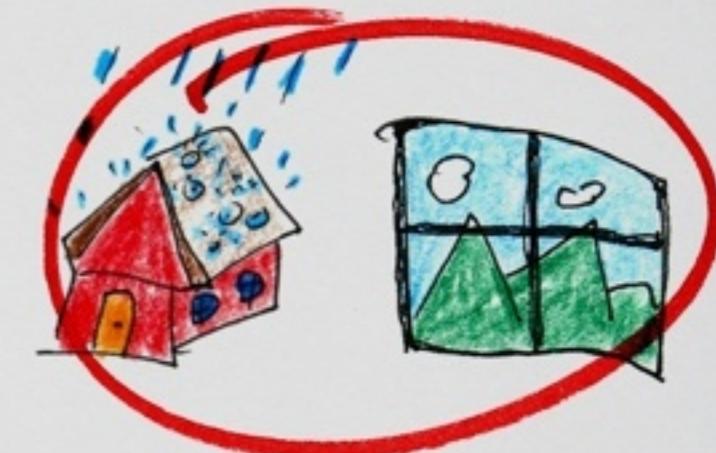
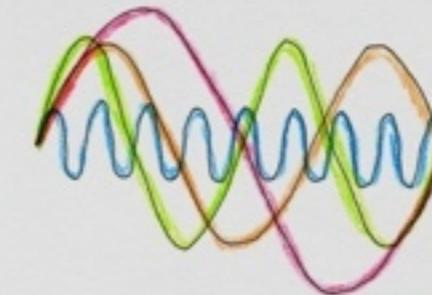
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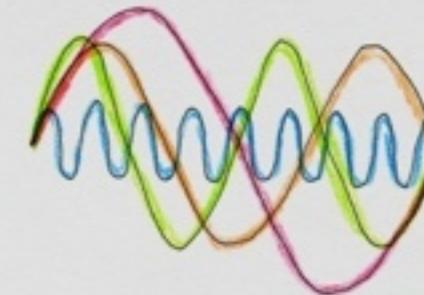
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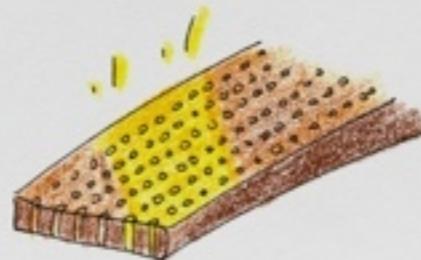
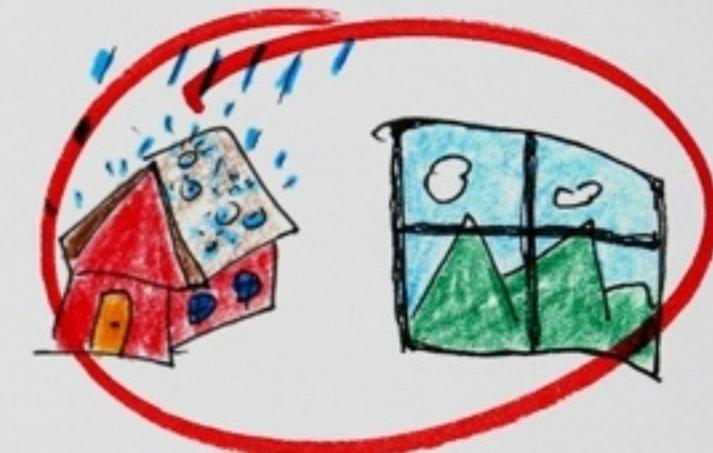
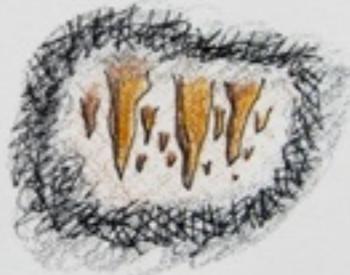
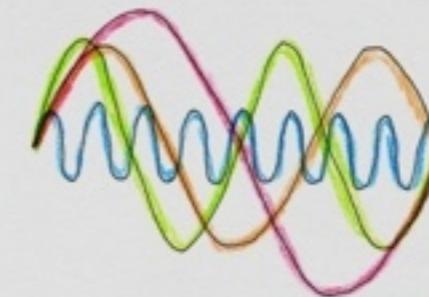
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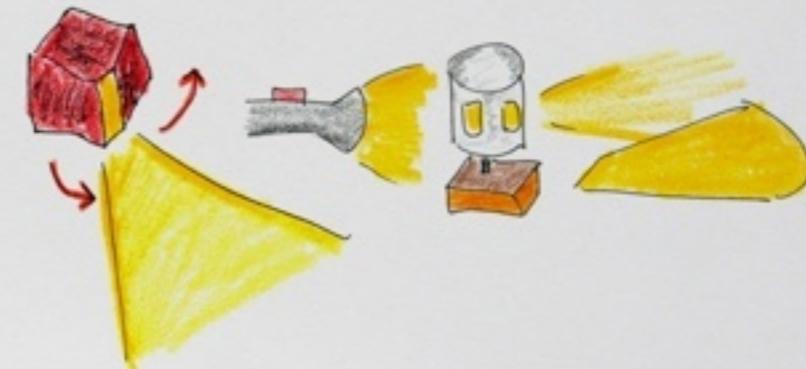
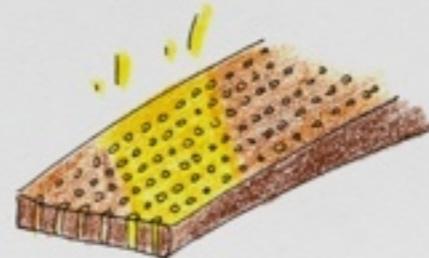
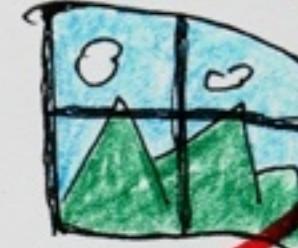
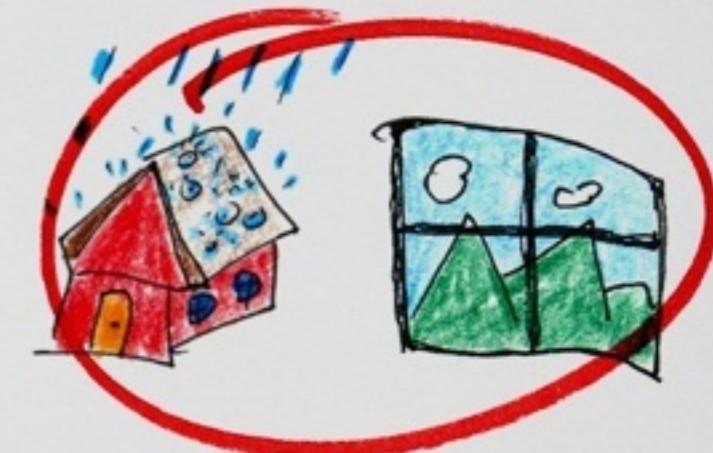
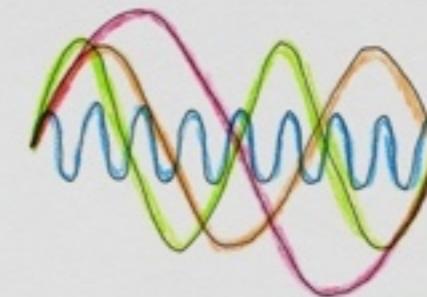
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