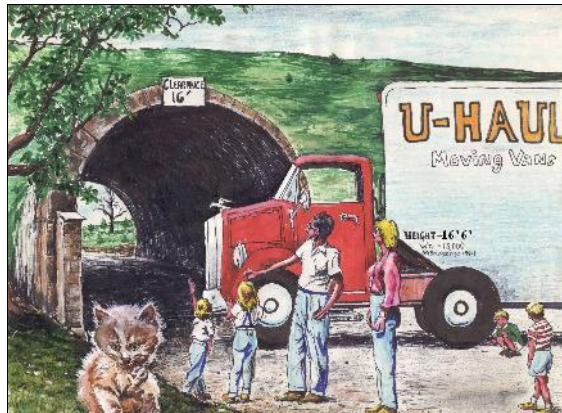


The Wentworth's Dilemma

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In each of our daily lives, we're continually confronted with things that don't work and "people situation" that some times are equally non-functional. Ability to view these events as problem-solving opportunities can be a powerful approach towards reaching our goals and managing who we are and how we are with others. Problems and the discovery of their solutions is the learning journey to an awareness of critical thinking, mathematical reasoning and problem solving literacy. In short, understanding the problem-solving process is the stone that keeps our minds sharp. It's the whet stone for our intellectual knife. Here below is a problem-solving exercise to keep your mental edge. Good luck and have fun.



"I think we've got a little problem."

The Wentworth family just bought a new house. During their move across town, Mr. and Mrs. Wentworth, their children, Camilla, Darcy, Jose, Fremont and Malcolm - the family cat - came to a tunnel underpass, which presented a problem to the family. Y'see, the moving van is 16 feet 6 inches high, but the tunnel is only 16 feet high. This difference creates a dilemma, an impassable situation for the Wentworths. The tunnel is the only way to get to the other side of town and their new home. If you were the Wentworths, using only what you see in the above picture, what would you do?