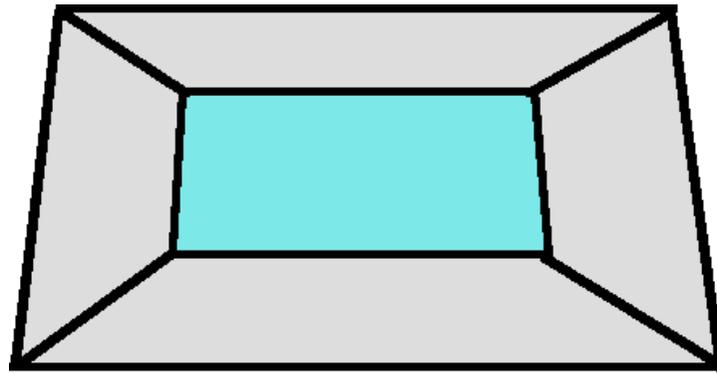


A Wise Idiot

-How to understand an illusion-



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Understanding an illusion is very important. For example, imagine, there is a man who cannot stop drinking.



He might have some kind of an illusion, and keeps drinking.



Or perhaps, there would be a man who threatens a girl like this.



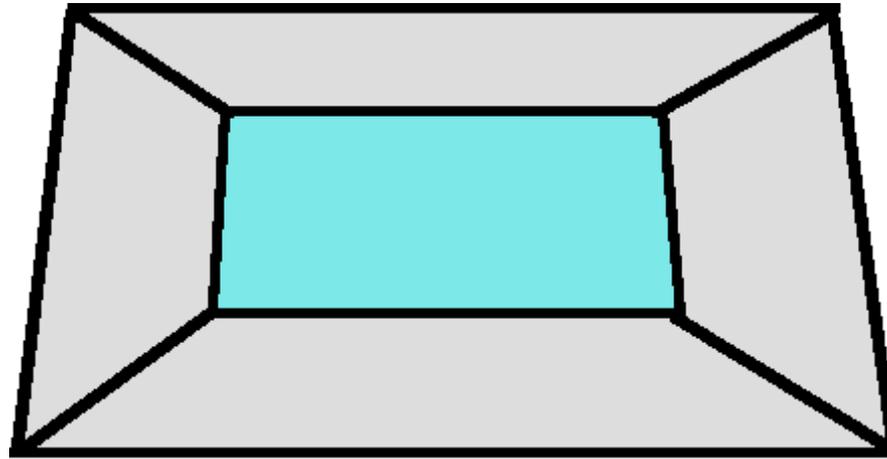
He might have some kind of an illusion, and become violent.



If you could understand how his illusion works, you might be able to stop his act of violence.

In addition, it certainly helps to prevent crime.

As we have seen, it is very important to understand an illusion, but you need some know-how to figure it out. Let me explain. Please take a look at the picture below. This is a three-dimensional object, which you are looking down from above.



Question

Do you see whether the blue part is sticking out or drawing back?

Your answer

Do you say, sticking out?

For the ones who see it sticking out,
please read the upper sections from the next page.



Do you say, drawing back?

For the ones who see it drawing back,
please read the lower sections from the next page.



In brief, you saw it like this.

The ones who saw it sticking out



In brief, you saw it like this.

The ones who saw it drawing back



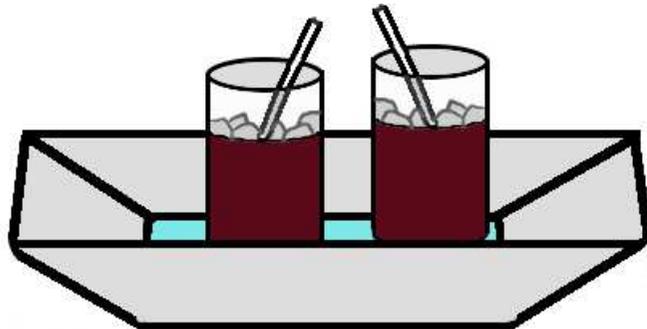
Correct!



The ones who saw it sticking out

This picture represents a step that has flat surface above.

Correct!



The ones who saw it drawing back

This picture represents a tray.

How wise you are!

The ones who saw it sticking out



However, some people have said this was a picture of a tray.

How wise you are!

The ones who saw it drawing back



However, some people have said this was a picture of a step.

Isn't it silly to say that this picture is a tray?

The ones who saw it sticking out



Isn't it silly to say that this picture is a step?

The ones who saw it drawing back



Wow, a fight has begun.

How stupid you are!



This is a tray!

Studying is important.
No choice but a war.
The president seems honest.
God exists.

This is a step!

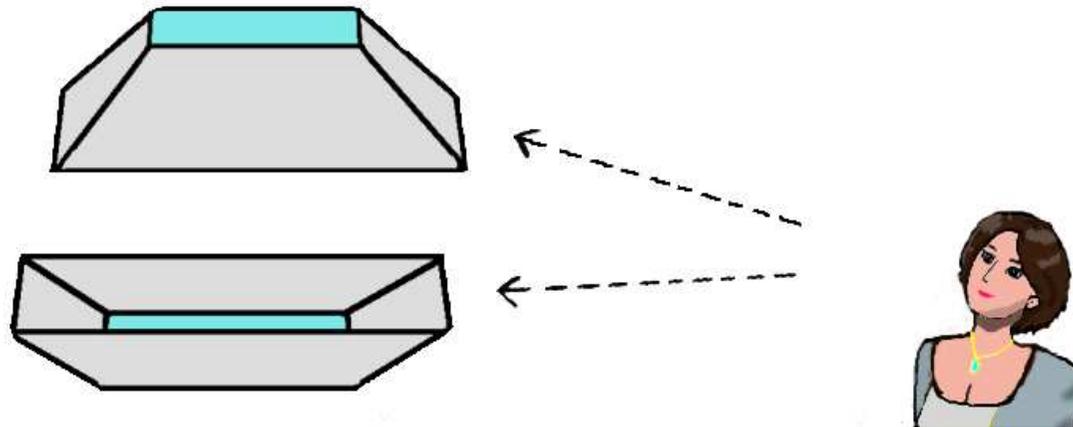
Studying is useless.
Peace is everything.
The president is a liar.
God does not exist.

Now, do you understand?

If you see only a reality, you cannot understand an illusion. If you see only an illusion, you cannot understand it either. Then you cannot understand the feelings of others.

Reality and Illusion

Seeing the both of them together, instead of seeing only one of them



That is the know-how to understand an illusion.

Afterword – ‘A Wise Idiot’

It is very important to understand an illusion. If you do not, you cannot understand acts based on it. That would cause another illusion.

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