Two Memories and One Question

Hear the versions before choosing a verdict.

Confidence in a recollection is not a substitute for evidence about the disputed detail.

Hypothetical example: Two people remember different picnic shelters; a reservation answers the booking question but leaves where they later sat uncertain.

01 Keep the disagreement the size of the event

Describe the ordinary disputed detail and each person's actual recollection.

Ordinary event under discussion

First recollection

Second recollection

02 Separate the scene from the conclusion

Separate remembered observations from inferences and uncertainty.

Detail remembered directly

Conclusion added to that detail

Uncertainty to preserve

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03 Check a detail for a reason

Choose an appropriate check only if the detail needs resolving.

Why the answer matters

Appropriate source available

Question that source can answer

04 Let an unresolved detail remain unresolved

Record the supported result or leave the detail honestly unresolved.

Fact actually supported

Detail still unresolved

Accusation or wording I must correct