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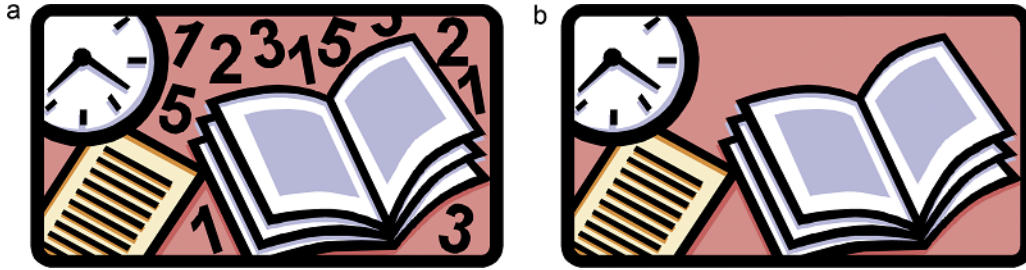


Fig. 1. (a) first picture; (b) second picture.

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