Urban tree pilot

Example project brief - October 2026

Purpose

This fictional project brief is a practice document for learning to ask source-grounded questions. The places, counts, and findings below are illustrative. They are not research evidence.

What the team observed

The urban tree pilot compared ten shaded street blocks with ten unshaded blocks in one district. Observations ran from June through August. The team recorded lower midday surface temperatures on the shaded blocks during the observation period. The brief does not provide a numerical average or a statistical significance test.

What the study does not establish

The pilot covers one summer in one district. It does not establish a year-round effect, explain differences between other districts, or isolate tree cover from every possible confounding factor. Winter readings are planned before the team evaluates year-round effects.

Next steps

The team plans to repeat observations in winter, document how blocks were selected, and record other features that may affect surface temperature. A follow-up report should distinguish measured findings from hypotheses that still need testing.

Practice material only. Check each answer against the source passage.