Move the Parcel, Keep the Seeds

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COUNT · MOVE · CHECK

Three deliveries wait at the shady bench. Look for one, two, and three bundles of ten.

1 THE SHADY BENCH

The leaves make little patches of shade;
three seed deliveries have been made.
Rhino peeks at the row outside:
"Let's see what these parcels hide."

2 ONE, THREE, TWO

Ten seeds in each bundle, tied;
one, three, two are tucked inside.
"Ten, then thirty, twenty," he says.
He checks the bundles where they rest.

3 FEWEST FIRST

"The fewest first," says Rhino. "Ten!
I'll check its neighbor once again.
Twenty goes before thirty here;
let's make a space and slide it near."

4 MOVE ONE PARCEL

He moves that parcel, nice and slow;
into the middle it can go.
No seed comes out. No seed goes in.
The same two bundles lie within.

5 CHECK THE LINE

Ten, then twenty, thirty — see?
The line is ready by the tree.
He checks the neighbors in the line;
the seeds stayed put. The order's fine.



Move your hands from here to there;
keep the seeds inside with care.

ORI'S THOUGHT

A parcel can change places without changing how much it holds.

Ori says

Look inside. Move the parcel. Check the line.

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