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steps to a recursive solution

An *announce* procedure is invoked inside the invocation of *instructionsForBot*, so the announcement of *steps* will be first displayed. The returned value of the invocation of *instructionsForBot*, a long string, is stored in the *steps* symbol and the *string-append* procedure concatenates the strings in order such that the *steps* would be in order.

test cases and their answers

smallest case

1 paper

Pass the paper forward.

next to smallest case

2 papers

Pass the paper forward.

Place your paper on top of the pile and pass the pile forward.

larger case(s)

3 papers

Pass the paper forward.

Place your paper on top of the pile and pass the pile forward.

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the request that will start the processing

I am asked to calculate the instructions to pass forward a pile of n homeworks in order.

base case processing

Pass your paper forward.

decision rule

If $n = 1$

Recursive case processing in three sub-parts

recursive abstraction

when I am asked to calculate the instructions to pass forward a pile of n homeworks in order,
the recursive abstraction can provide the instructions in hand in a pile of $n-1$ papers in order.

the leftover piece

place your paper on top of the pile and pass the pile forward.

all the processing for a recursive case

when I am asked to calculate the instructions to pass forward a pile of n papers in order

and the recursive abstraction has calculated the instructions to pass forward a pile of $n-1$
papers in order,

then the remaining part of processing recursive cases requires

using the returned value of the recursive abstraction to hand in a pile of $n-1$ papers in
order

combined by

placing your paper on top of the pile and passing the pile forward.