Cooling Colas

A few weekends ago we invited some relatives over and served them lunch. The day before we had bought some cans of soda, but we didn’t have enough room in our refrigerator to cool the colas. Since it was February and we live in Pennsylvania, my husband suggested that we leave the cans outside overnight to cool.

The overnight temperature was to be in the twenties, so I was afraid they might freeze; however, I figured out a way to approximate the temperature of the cola at any given time.

First, I read the thermometer in our apartment. It said 72°F. Next I read our outdoor thermometer, and it read 25°F. I put the cola outside for 30 minutes and then brought one of the cans inside to have a drink. Before I drank the soda, I measured the temperature. The temperature of the soda was 60°F.