

Book7

Unit2

Robot

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What is a robot?

robot



# Industrial robots



household robots



entertainment robots

# A robot is

A machine designed (design) to do jobs **that**  
are performed (perform) usually by humans.

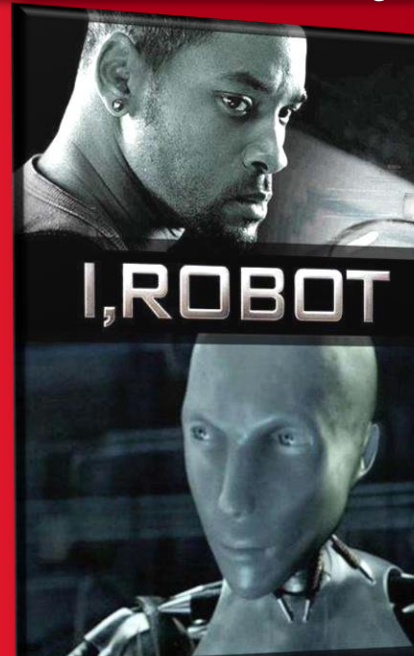
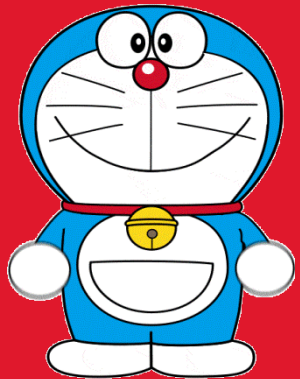
***Robots are programmed and controlled by a computer.***

robot

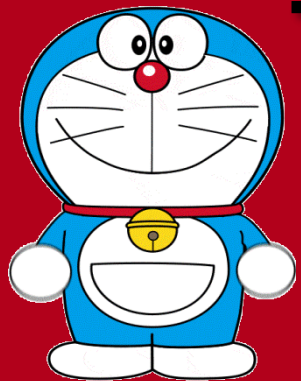
Which kind of robots do you need?

If you have chance to own a robot,

Which robot character do you like?



Should we think about the  
possibilities of a robot that  
thinks, has feelings,  
has its own desires or  
feel like a human being?





enjoy



story

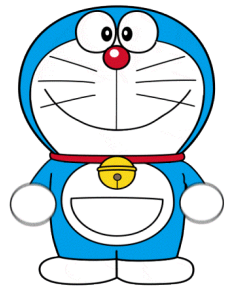


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Satisfaction

Guaranteed





# Reading

**Satisfaction Guaranteed**

*A science fiction story  
written in 3<sup>rd</sup> person*

*worked for  
a company  
that made*



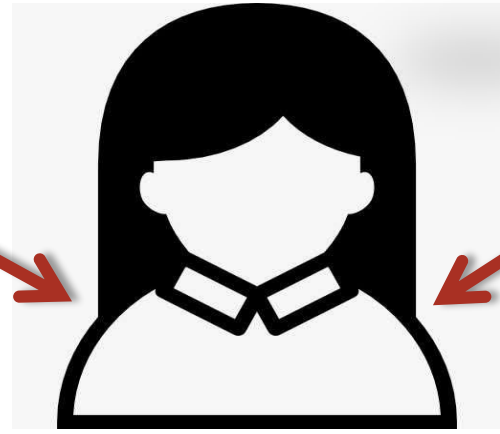
**Larry**

*robots*

test out



*a household  
robot*



**Claire**

*A housewife*



**Tony**

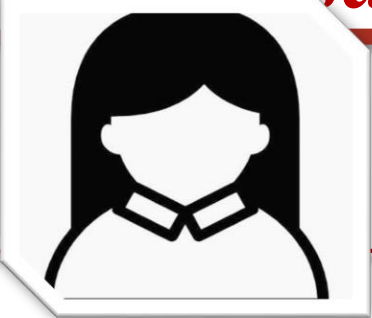


**Gladys**

*A woman  
Claire  
envied*

**Satisfaction**  
*Who is satisfied?*  
**Guaranteed**

Scan the passage and clear up the plot development

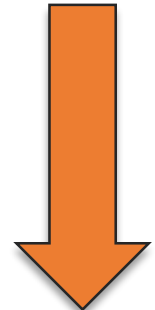


dislike

More like a human than a machine

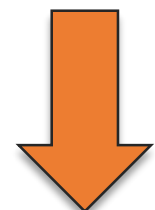
Wanted to help Claire dressing  
Looked so human

At first sight Felt alarmed  
Felt embarrassed



Felt ridiculous trust

Comfort her  
Be told many things  
Promise to help ?  
Just a machine warmth of the skin



Felt absurd/amazed  
Felt his warmth flipped

Carry her in time

At last

?

(be ? hed)

Plan a well-prepared party  
A machine? A human? A dear?

## *Finish the reading and answer the questions*

**?** *Why did Tony open the curtains?*

- He wanted Claire's guests to see him and Claire together so that she would be envied by women guests .

**Robots are *programmed and controlled* by a computer.**

**An  
emotionless  
machine**

- tall
- handsome
- capable
- clever
- sweet
- considerate...

**A  
human  
with  
shortcomings**

- overweight
- self-abased
- sensible
- clumsy
- peacockish
- .....

## *Further-reading*

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**It is a science fiction story.**

*The end:*

**Claire cried all night.**

**Tony had to be rebuilt.**

**The company was **pleased**.**

**Larry?**

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*What would Larry feel knowing the result?*

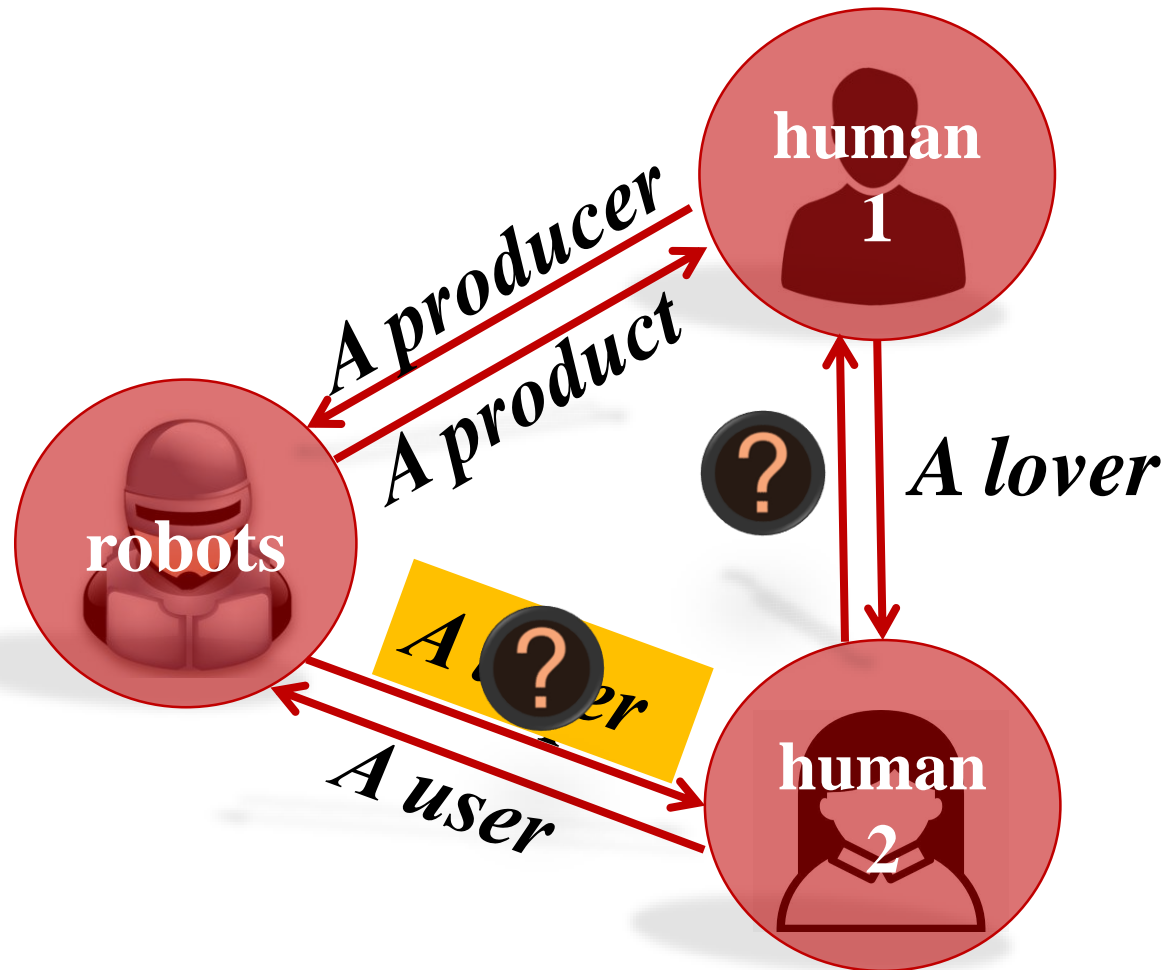
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*Was that a good ending for Claire? Hadn't Claire been hurt? Was it a bonus ?*

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*Try to learn the set of 3 "laws" for robot.*

# Emotion distinguishes human from machine.

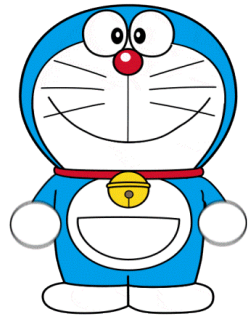


*\*What is the relationship between humans & robots going to be?*

*\*Will robots replace humans to live alive?*

*\*What make humans different from robots?*

*\***Discuss & Share your idea***



# Writing

*Try to set another ending for the story. The beginning sentence is given : **Larry arrived home, seeing Claire's crying face.** \_\_\_\_\_*

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## *Read for writing*

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◆ *List the sentence expressing different feelings.*

• **When** she first saw the robot, she **felt alarmed**.

• **It** was **disturbing and frightening** that he looked so human.

• She looked at his fingers **with wonder as** they turned each page and suddenly reached for his hand. she **was amazed by** his fingernails and the softness and warmth of his skin.

• **By the amused and surprised look** on her face , **Claire knew that** Gladys thought she was having an affair.

◆ *Make use of sentences & expressions to describe Larry's feeling*

## *Read for writing*

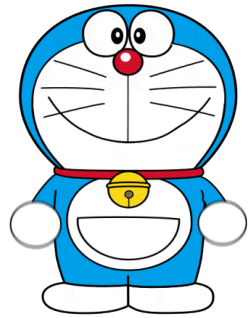
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- ◆ *List the sentence using **-ing** form as adverbial or attributive.*
  - On the second morning, Tony, **wearing an apron**, brought her breakfast and then asked her whether she needed help dressing.
  - Claire thanked Tony, **telling him that** he was a “dear”.
  - Tony folded his arms around her, **bending his face close to hers**.
  - He had opened the curtains that night so that the other women would see him and Claire, **knowing that** there was no risk to Claire’s marriage.
- ◆ *Try to use **-ing** form to describe an action, a result, a state etc.*

## *A possible version*

*Larry arrived home, seeing Claire's crying face. His feet made no sound on the ground, but Claire turned slowly to face him, closing her hands beneath the table. By the embarrassed and sad look on her face, Larry knew that she was worried and fearful. Quietly, settling into the leather seat beside Claire, he held her in his arms softly, whispering "Everything will be fine!"*

# human



# homework

*Polish your passage , share the passage with others and discuss what makes up a good story esp. a science fiction story.*

**Robot movies are not new and have provoked profound thoughts for ages.** In 2004 sci-fi film ***I, Robot***, humanoid robots pose a fatal threat to humanity, and the 2009 animated film ***9*** opens with the near extinction of human beings at the hands of robots. ***Big Hero*** chooses to tell a simple but heartwarming story about the bond between humans and a robot.



*How did Tony help Claire?*

**Physically**

- Gave her a new cut
- Changed her hair and makeup
- Improve the house' decoration



**Mentally**

- Helped her deal with interpersonal relationship

• Gladys' **misunderstanding**

**Claire**

*Have an affair*

**Tony**

Wept with anger

Plan a well-prepared party



*Do you think Claire was satisfied with Tony's performance*



Bye

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