

Jen's Special Friend

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"What are you doing, Jay?" asked Jen. Jay was busy thinking. He did not even hear Jen. Jen tugged on Jay's shirt and yelled, "Jay!"

Jay loved his sister, but she was pesky sometimes. She was also kind of messy. "I'm doing my homework," Jay said.

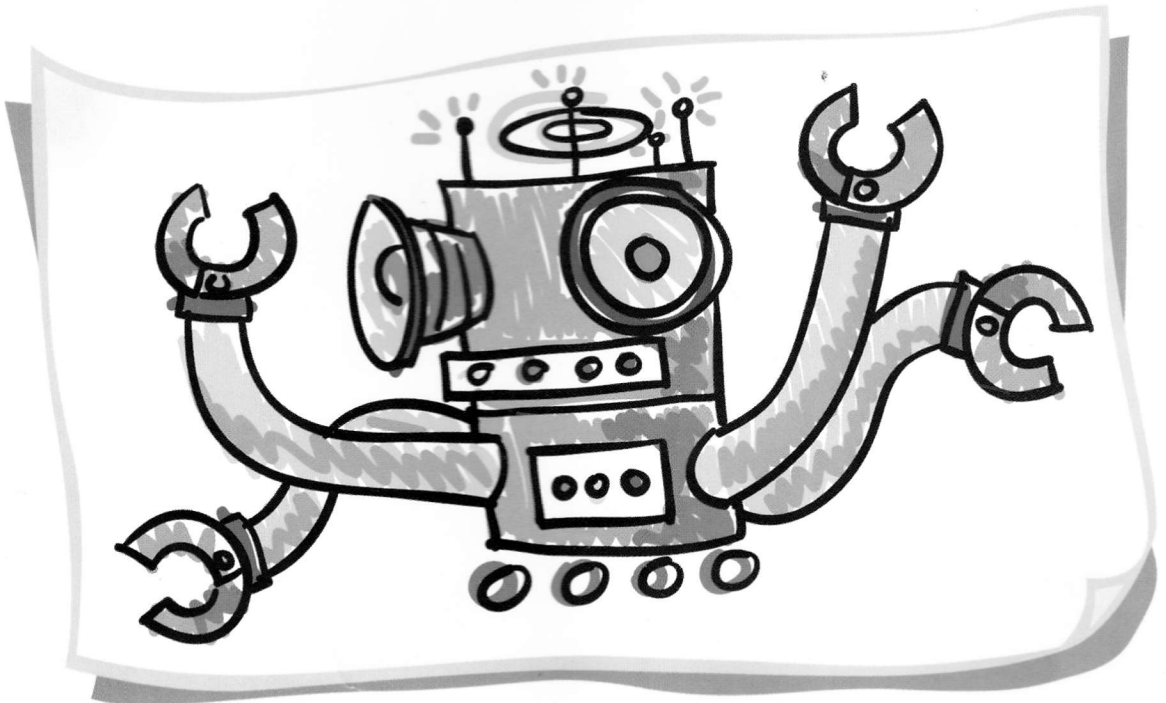
"What is it?" Jen asked. "It looks like a scary monster."

"It's a robot that takes care of things I don't want to do," said Jay.

"Like what?" asked Jen.

Jay did not want to tell Jen. He was making a robot that would play with Tammy. Tammy was their four-year-old sister. It would clean up her messes. It would even read baby books to her. "It's a babysitter for Tammy," Jay finally said.

"Good," Jen said gladly. "Maybe next time you should make a robot that will babysit you."



COMPREHENSION

A Read each question. Write *a* or *b*.

- 1 What was this story about?
a Jay loved his sister.
b Jay was drawing a robot.
- 2 How does Jay feel about Jen?
a He thinks she is messy.
b He thinks she is clean.
- 3 Why did Jen have to yell?
a To get Jay to listen
b Because Jay was far away
- 4 Why did Jay think his sister was pesky?
a She cried a lot.
b She wanted to be around him all the time.
- 5 Why did Jay design a robot to babysit Tammy?
a Because Jay did not want to babysit her
b Because Tammy did not have any friends

LEARN ABOUT WORDS

B d + ay = day

Look at each row of letters. Add one letter or group of letters from each row to *ay* to make a word. Write the word.

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|---|--------------|
| 1 | t, s, q |
| 2 | bl, cr, st |
| 3 | z, m, v + ay |
| 4 | w, x, k |
| 5 | pl, ch, gl |



LEARN ABOUT WORDS *(continued)*

C Read the words you wrote. Which one best fits in each sentence? Write the word.

- 6 Jay _____ want to make a robot for Tammy.
- 7 Tammy wants someone to _____ with and to read to her.
- 8 Jay does not want to _____ what his robot will do.
- 9 Jay did not like the _____ Jen tugged on his shirt.
- 10 The robot can _____ with Tammy while Jay is at school.

THINK ABOUT IT

D Read each sentence. Which word in the box means almost the same thing as the underlined word? Write the word.

tugged pesky sad scary glad

- 1 Jen thought Jay was drawing something awful.
- 2 Jay thought Jen was annoying when she bothered him.
- 3 Jen pulled on Jay's shirt to get him to talk to her.
- 4 Jay did not want to make Jen unhappy.
- 5 Tammy was happy to have a new babysitter.