

English

Activity 1

Task: Watch the video [Origins](#). Use your inference and deduction skills to answer the following questions.



1. Where does the story take place?
2. Who is the main character and can you describe its appearance using three words?
3. Using the clues from the video, how would you describe the character's personality?
4. Explain why the robot followed the train.
5. What was the character feeling as he walked through the forest and the factory?
6. What part of the video makes you think that the robot may be sad?
7. How did your thoughts and feelings about the character change as you watched the film?
8. How does the story end in the film? Can you think of an alternative ending?

Activity 2

Task: Write your own version of the story [Origins](#). What would you change or keep the same in the story?

Try to include these writing features in your story:

- **Dialogue** – What might the robot say to himself? Could he meet anyone? Remember to start a new line if the speaker changes.
- **Fronted adverbials** – When does this paragraph happen? Where? How?
- **Noun phrases** including appropriate adjectives - Describe the settings and the character's feelings.

Use the word banks below help you write your story.

rickety	stainless steel	rusty	gloomy
golden	shiny	oversized	bottle green
happy	brave	scared	lonely
shocked	sad	quiet	scrap metal
metallic	gigantic	clumsy	small
ancient	old	energetic	colourful

Fronted Adverbials

Fronted Adverbials are words or phrases at the beginning of a sentence which are used to describe the action that follows.

Time	Frequency	Place	Manner	Possibility
Afterwards, Already, Always, Immediately, Last month, Now, Soon, Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow, Next year, In January, On Tuesday, In the morning, After a while, As soon as she could, Before long, All of a sudden, In the blink of an eye, Just then, Eventually, Later,	Often, Again, Daily, Weekly, Fortnightly, Yearly, Sometimes, Rarely, Every second, Twice a year, Once a minute, Once, Once or twice, Three times, Constantly, Regularly, Frequently, Infrequently, Occasionally, Rarely, Never in my life, Never before,	Above the clouds, Below the sea, Here, Outside, Over there, There, Under the ground, Upstairs, In the distance, Between the sea and the sky, Everywhere she looked, Around the tent, Back at the house, Nearby, Down by the cliffs, Behind the shed, In the wooden box, Over my bed, Somewhere near here, Far away, Wherever they went, North of here,	Sadly, Slowly, Happily, Awkwardly, Bravely, Like a ... , As quick as a flash, As fast as he could, Without a sound, Without warning, Unexpectedly, Unfortunately, Suddenly, Mysteriously, Frantically, Anxiously, Courageously, Silently, Curiously, Nervously, Rapidly, Carefully,	Almost unbelievably, Much admired, Nearly asleep, Quite understandably, Really happily, Perhaps, Maybe, Just arrived, Certainly amused, Obviously angry, Definitely confused, Completely exhausted, Barely alive, Out of breath, Decidedly unimpressed, Perfectly confident, Positively trembling with excitement, Purely practically, Somewhat flustered, Utterly joyous, Totally overwhelmed,

Here is an example story:

The Lone Robot

Crunch, crunch, crunch! The energetic, little robot bounced happily through the colourful, autumnal forest. He was very small, with an oversized, dome shaped head coloured by a sickly, bottle green, stain. He had two screws for legs, which gives you an idea of how small he was. He had two-curved spoon like hands and his body shaped like a cowbell. Slowly, his eyes moved between his eyelids, which seemed sad, like eyes of someone who has lost a loved one.



In the distance, the robot spotted a trail of smoke weaving its way through the clear, blue sky. Quickly, he ran to see what it was. It was a moving freight train clattering slowly through the woods. Curiously, the temptation of mystery overwhelmed him. "What type of train is that?" Alfie questioned, running, faster as he leaped onto the train. For a

moment, he sat there, looking at the heavenly forest with the bright, hot sun setting above the mountain. Suddenly, the train stopped and Alfie moved to the edge of the train terrified of what he might see. Without warning, a big mechanical monster charged past Alfie. "Hey, look where you are going!" shouted Alfie.



"Sorry, I'm busy!" shouted the mechanical monster speeding away. Cautiously, Alfie took another step forward but he was almost hit by a second larger mechanical monster.

"Stop!" shouted Alfie, taking a step back in horror.

"Get out of the way!" yelled Tim, picking up something quite heavy with his forklift.

"Wait, wait!" shouted Alfie, "Where am I?" he yelled.

"Cyberland!" shouted Tim as he sped away.

Task: Using the example story and the grammar we have learnt write your own version of the story. What would you

change or keep in the story?

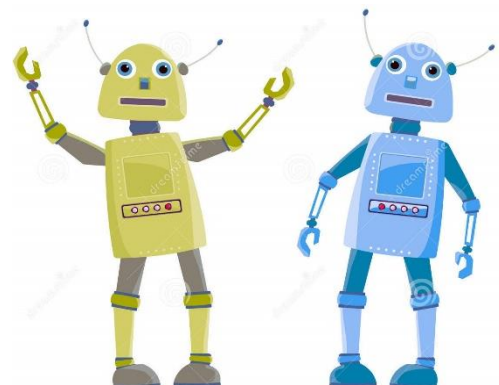
Activity 3

Task: You are going to write a paragraph for an alternative ending for the story origins (The Lone Robot).

There are lots of ideas you could explore. For example, what would happen if the robot decides to go into the factory or if he gets spotted by the guard as he walks away?

Here is a suggested paragraph.

Cautiously, Alfie took a step forward, then another until he was off the train. There was no corner for him to hide. Alfie could hear the squeal of the uncoiled hinges as the gates swung open. Two bright lights clicked on and a immense forklift truck charged past him. Standing outside the factory, Alfie felt miserable. Looking down on the ground, he continued to walk forward deeper and deeper into the light. Alfie saw two small feet that looked like his and his eyes slowly moved upwards. "Could this be my mother?" Alfie muttered to himself. His flexible hands touched the sticker at the bottom of his body as if he was touching his chest. "Mother!" shouted Alfie. Feeling happy, Alfie ran towards his mother, who welcomed him with opened arms. Alfie was happy once again because he has found his mother and his real home.



Task: Now, it is your time to write your alternative ending. Remember to use fronted adverbials, noun phrases and include appropriate adjectives.

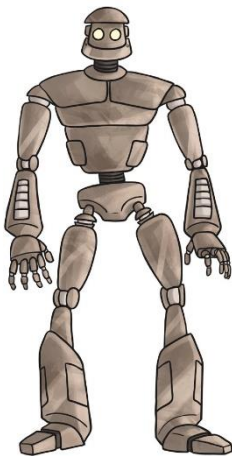
Activity 4

Task: Today's task is to create a friend for Alfie, the robot.

You will need to:

- a. Draw a robot.
- b. Describe its appearance using adjectives and noun phrases.
- c. Describe its personality for example, selfish, funny or intelligent.

Here is my example:

	<p><u>Personality and appearance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• long, metallic legs• metallic, grey body• huge rusty bolts that hold his body together• ice blue eyes that shone like torches• His voice sounded loud and rough as he shouted• wide ears• enormous arms• courageous• giant fingers
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Courageously, Ron the robot stood tall at the top of the cliff. His big, metallic arms and his long, metallic legs made him very tall. On his face, Ron had two ice-blue eyes that shone like torches and two wide ears. Above his chest, two huge, rusty bolts held his metallic, grey body together. Suddenly, he began to wave his enormous arms around as he approached the edge of the cliff. The wind whistled through his giant fingers. Immediately, the small lights, which were all the way down his metallic legs, lit up. Ron's small, thin mouth opened up wide as he shouted at Alfie.

Task: Now, right your own paragraph to describe your robot.

Activity 5

Task: Write a letter coming from the robot to a long lost family member. The robot needs to tell his family about some of the different adventures it has been on.

Here is my example:

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Metal Mayhem
22 Scrapheap Road
Cyberland
CE17 1JX
5th June 2020

Dear Allan,

I am writing to tell you about my amazing adventure. It all began when my metallic body was washed up on an island after a shipwreck. The ship, which was carrying over five hundred robots, sank. Completely exhausted, I woke up to otters playing around me. I had to make the decision if I wanted to stay on the island. I knew I would have to find a reason to remain so I immediately settled in my role as a carer looking after baby otters. This had been an experience of a lifetime!

A few weeks later, I was out exploring along the cliff. Without warning, I slipped off and I fell onto a pile of jagged rocks below. My body was broken into several pieces. Luckily, a human found me and he was able to find equipment, which he used to fix me. I have now recovered and I've found a new robot friend. Together we are exploring different parts of the island.

I hope that someday soon we will be back together as a family.

Your beloved brother, Alfie.

PS: I've added a photo of me and my new friend Aisha.

