| Spotlight 8 | Reading Task 8702 |
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**Read the text and match the titles to the paragraphs. One title is extra.**

1. Proper Schooling due to Modern Technology
2. The Medicine to Cure
3. Avatars Enter our Life
4. The Place to Meet Friends
5. Illness Changes the Lifestyle
6. Undesirable Home Education

## Robots Help to Study

**A.** Though we may all moan and groan about having to go to school each morning, the truth is that it is not all bad - where else can you hang out with friends, complain about teachers and exchange carrots for cookies? Therefore, you can only imagine how Devon Carrow fell when he realised that he could not and may never be able to attend 'normal' school.

**B.** Devon was born with life-threatening allergies to peanuts, milk, eggs and numerous other foods, as well as, things like perfumes and fabric softeners. Devon's parents knew that there was no way the young boy would be able to survive in a normal classroom environment, especially since even breathing in an allergen could result in an anaphylactic shock. So, at the age of 5 when most kids are looking forward to going to kindergarten, Devon had to put up with home schooling in complete isolation until his family heard about the incredible *Avatar*.

**C.** The 4-feettall chrome and steel VGO (Video Graphics Output) robot that is fitted with a television screen and acts as a two way audio/vldeo mobile communications system has opened a whole new world for Devon, one where he gets to experience school life on a day-to-day basis and interact with his teachers and friends. The best part is that since the robot is mobile and has a battery life of eight hours, Devon can 'walk' to the library and even, join them on the playground.

**D.** Though life has improved immensely for the young boy since his *Avatar* entered his life last January, things are still not easy. He has to carry his own popcorn and bring sheets to cover the seats when he goes out for movies. He cannot go out to play and if his friends want to come over, they have to shower and change their clothes before they are allowed to play with him.

**E.** While Devon is not the first kid to use this amazing robot, he is the youngest. The technology had originally been developed for use in manufacturing plants to monitor production or for doctors to watch the health of elderly patients who are living independently. Fortunately, a salesman from VGO communications called the school district. Hopefully, as more schools and students discover the VGO, Avatars strolling around hallways laughing and joking with friends, will become a common sight.

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**Read the text again and mark the statements**

**True (1), False (2), Not Stated (3).**

1. School is a good place to socialise.
2. Devon preferred home education to regular schooling.
3. Home education via the Internet is very popular nowadays.
4. Allergy is a very serious illness that influences your whole life.
5. Devon's parents wanted him to get used to allergens and sent him to the normal school.
6. Staying at home Devon could do whatever he liked.
7. The new robot (VGO) helped Devon to feel part of the class.
8. Thanks to the robot Devon can now visit playgrounds, cinemas and theatres.

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