



Read the text and mark the statements

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

a ... Robot!

On February 5th, 2013, the fifth-grade students at Japan's Higashihikari Elementary School welcomed a new student. However, unlike other newcomers, he was not shy and seemed to recognise all 119 kids by their names. Impressed? You will be even more so, when you find out that Robovie is not human but a robot, masquerading as a fifth-grade student! Developed by Japan's Advanced Telecommunications Research Institute International, the 1.2-meter-tall student is part of a 14-month experiment to test if robots can learn to communicate naturally and assimilate with a group of people. This is the company's longest experiment of this kind. They hope to make robots useful part of household in future.

Robovie sounds like a five-year old in his daily vocabulary and speaking skills. The scientists hope that he will develop his vocabulary by interacting with the fifth graders. But he has an unfair advantage - he was preprogrammed with the contents of the fifth-grade science text book. So, he impressed the class by answering correctly some difficult questions. Robovie is doing quite well on the social front too. He not only knows all the students in his grade, but after classes he also shakes hands with the sixth graders and is polite enough to answer all their questions

1. The new student in the class was very shy.
2. The new student's name was Robovie because he was a robot.
3. Robovie looked like his classmates.
4. Robovie was one of the teachers' favourite students.
5. The experiment with the robot in a primary class is half a year long.
6. The company is working on making robots part of people's everyday life at home.
7. Robovie knows more words than his classmates.
8. Robovie makes no mistakes in grammar.
9. Robovie can remember all the facts from his science textbook.
10. He mixes up with his classmates and 6 Form students with no problems.

