

Read carefully the following text:

# HITCHBOT

Have you ever seen a hitchhiker standing by the side of a road? Hitchhiking is popular with young people because it doesn't cost anything – drivers stop and take you on all or part of your journey. Of course, it's not like a bus or train because it can take a long time, but hitchhikers say they meet some amazing people. Now drivers in Canada might see an unusual hitchhiker – Hitchbot, a hitchhiking robot. One of its inventors, David Harris Smith, has hitched across Canada three times and says he had some of the best experiences of his life. Smith and a colleague, Frauke Zeller, have built Hitchbot because they wanted to see if people would stop and give the robot a lift and talk to it. The robot can chat about things it has learnt, about its inventors and about its journey. It has access to Wikipedia and it runs on solar power. You might think it's a joke, but Smith and Zeller's experiment has a serious point – can robots and people get on together?

Hitchbot's journey started in Nova Scotia in July. It has already completed a third of its 6,000 mile journey to Victoria. It's now near Lake Superior. More than 57,000 people are following its journey on Facebook and Twitter and travellers have posted lots of photos on the website. Hitchbot has also done some shopping, eaten motor oil and had fun with travellers. Nobody knows when it will finish its journey – Zeller and Smith want Hitchbot to get as many rides as possible. It hasn't been in a self-driving car yet, but anything is possible!

Put an X in the box of the correct answer.

- Hitchhiking isn't like travelling by bus or train because it's
  - Free
  - Quicker
  - Boring
- When Smith hitchhiked, he
  - Didn't have a good time
  - Had some incredible experiences
  - Took a long time to travel across Canada.
- Hitchbot
  - Can't talk about many things.
  - Can only describe its inventors.
  - Can talk about many different things.
- Hitchbot hasn't
  - Been to any shops.
  - Posted photos on the website.
  - Had fun.