



Read the text. Write the headings for each paragraph

- a) History of robots
- b) Robots in books and films
- c) What is a robot
- d) How robots are used

A robot is a machine that does tasks without the help of a person. Many people think of robots as machines that look and act like people. Most robots, though, do not look like people.

Robots are very useful because they can do things that can be hard or dangerous for people. For example, they can be sent deep underwater or into space.

Writings from ancient Greece and China tell of toys called automatons, which were like robots. They were set in motion by steam, air, water, or falling weights. In the late 1700s and early 1800s complex automatons could play music or write with a pen on paper.

Robots often appear in science fiction, or stories set in the future or in another world. Robots in science-fiction listen, talk, and walk easily on two legs. Science-fiction robots that look like people are called androids. Although real robots are becoming more complex, they still are not like these imagined robots.

Answer the questions

1. What is a robot?

2. How were the ancient robots called?

3. How are the robots that look like people called?