

4 All things high tech

4a Reading

DROIDS at Work

droid /drɔɪd/ (n) a robot in science-fiction films, books, etc that behaves like a human

Listen and read the text.

When we think of droids, one film series comes to mind – George Lucas' *Star Wars*! Let's take a close look at what these robots can do.



C-3PO, or Threepio to his friends, is a protocol droid. This type of droid tells others how they should behave when they meet aliens from different planets. Threepio can also speak over 7 million different languages. People sometimes get angry with him because he talks a lot. It's not his fault, though – they programmed him that way!



R2-D2 is C-3PO's best friend. R2-D2 is an astromech droid. He works on spaceships as a mechanic. He mostly repairs things, but he is also able to cut things with a saw, project holograms and put out fires. He sometimes flies with pilots when they go on dangerous missions. He's small, but he's really brave.



BB-8 and R2-D2 are very similar. Both of them are brave astromech droids. BB-8 looks a bit different, though, because he is round. He can do the same things that R2 can, but his shape means he can roll around quickly. This is very useful for BB-8 because he often needs to get out of trouble fast!

fault (n): the responsibility for sth wrong
e.g. It's not my **fault** you forgot your keys!



грешка

repair (v): to fix sth that is not working
e.g. My father **repairs** computers that are not working.



поправити

behave (v): to act in a specific way
e.g. The little girl **behaved** badly and she was rude to everyone.



/ понашати се

saw (n): a tool used for cutting
e.g. My father uses the **saw** to cut wood for the fireplace.



тестера

put out (phr v): to extinguish fire
e.g. The firefighters **put out** the fire with their hose.



угасити (ватру)

get out of trouble (phr): to avoid difficulties
e.g. When the hiker saw the bear he had to move quickly to **get out of trouble**.



изаћи из невоље

alien (n) / ванземаљац



project (v): to make an image appear on a surface
e.g. The film is **projected** from a machine onto the cinema screen.



проекувати

Read again and for questions 1-3 choose the correct answer (A, B or C).

- What does a protocol droid do? ...
A gives others advice B teaches alien languages C programmes other droids
- An astromech droid ...
A often breaks things. B isn't allowed in space. C makes things work again.
- What makes BB-8 different to R2-D2? ...
A his job B his shape C his character



Jobs

Listen, write the jobs and repeat – *dentist, artist, mechanic, waiter, doctor, pilot, nurse, photographer, shop assistant, secretary.*



A



B



C



D



E



F



G



H



I



J

Match the sentences (1-10) to the jobs (A-J).

1

C

I treat sick people.

2

I type letters and answer the phone.

3

I fly planes.

4

I serve customers in a shop.

5

I repair cars.

6

I take photos.

7

I paint pictures.

8

I serve people food and drinks.

9

I care for people who are ill.

10

I treat people's teeth.



A artist



B dentist



C doctor



D mechanic



E nurse



F pilot



G photographer



H secretary

A doctor treats sick people.



I shop assistant



J waiter

Now write the sentences. What do they do?

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- A secretary _____.
- A mechanic _____.
- A shop assistant _____.
- A nurse _____.
- A waiter _____.

Prepositions

5 Choose the correct preposition. ...

- 1 What comes **in** / **to** mind when you listen to this piece of music? ...
- 2 People often get angry **of** / **with** him because he talks a lot. ...
- 3 Astromech droids work **on** / **at** spaceships. ...
- 4 He took a closer look **at** / **in** the problem. ...

Well done!