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Grammar in the News



Robot Runs Away to be Free

- **Complete the paragraph by circling the correct words.**

(1)_____ robots really happy to work for humans? Recently, a robot (2)_____ away to be free. (3)_____ in the Russian city of Perm tested a new, smart robot called “Promobot”. Someone forgot to (4)_____ the door to the testing area. A robot went (5)_____ the door and it traveled about 165 feet (50 meters) when its batteries died. Russian Channel 5 TV shows (6)_____ robot stopped (7)_____ the middle of a roadway. It caused a traffic jam. Scientists later (8)_____ to get the robot after about 50 minutes. Oleg Kivokurtsev, who (9)_____ at the testing center, said, “Our engineer (10)_____ onto the testing ground and (11)_____ to close the gates. So the robot escaped and went on his little adventure.” No one (12)_____ hurt.

1.

- (A) Is
(B) Are
(C) Do

2.

- (A) ran
(B) run
(C) running

3.

- (A) Scientist
(B) Science
(C) Scientists

4.

- (A) closed
(B) closing
(C) close

5.

- (A) through
(B) on
(C) between

6.

- (A) the
(B) an
(C) any

7.

- (A) on
(B) in
(C) to

8.

- (A) comes
(B) come
(C) came

9.

- (A) working
(B) work
(C) works

10.

- (A) drive
(B) drove
(C) drives

11.

- (A) forget
(B) forgot
(C) forgets

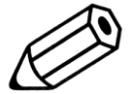
12.

- (A) was
(B) were
(C) are

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Vocabulary Practice

- Match the words on the left with the meanings on the right.

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|----------------|----------|--|
| 1. robot | <u>E</u> | A. a person who studies science |
| 2. humans | _____ | B. containers used to make electricity for power |
| 3. scientist | _____ | C. an unusual and exciting experience |
| 4. test | _____ | D. to run away and be free |
| 5. batteries | _____ | E. a kind of machine that can work for people |
| 6. traffic jam | _____ | F. try something |
| 7. escape | _____ | G. lots of cars on a road that are not moving |
| 8. adventure | _____ | H. people |

- Use the above words to complete the sentences.

1. I was late for work this morning because there was a traffic jam.
2. Did you remember to buy some new _____ for your radio?
3. Mary likes to study chemistry. She wants to be a _____.
4. Will robots become smarter than _____ in the future?
5. The bank robber was sent to jail, but he made a plan to _____.
6. Let's _____ the TV before we buy it. Maybe it doesn't work.
7. I'm bored! I want to go on an _____.
8. I watched a movie about a _____ that looked like a human.

- Choose any two of the above words and write your own sentences.

1. _____
2. _____

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How Much Do You Understand?

● Write 'T' (True) or 'F' (False) next to each statement.

1. _____ The robot wanted to go to Russia.
2. _____ The robot was smart.
3. _____ The robot was on Russian TV.
4. _____ The robot almost died when it was hit by a car.
5. _____ The robot was free for almost an hour.
6. _____ The robot hurt one person.

Discuss

● Discuss the following questions with your classmates.

1. Do you think the robot was unhappy? Why? / Why not?
2. Do you think robots are dangerous? Why? / Why not?
3. Would you like to have your own robot at home? Why? / Why not?

Write

● Choose one of the above discussion questions. Write a short paragraph to explain your answer.

Headline 'Robot Runs Away'

Grammar Focus Mixed (includes past tense)

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My Notes



- | | |
|------|-------|
| 1. B | 7. B |
| 2. A | 8. C |
| 3. C | 9. C |
| 4. C | 10. B |
| 5. A | 11. B |
| 6. A | 12. A |

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● **Vocabulary**

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|------|----------------|
| 1. E | 1. traffic jam |
| 2. H | 2. batteries |
| 3. A | 3. scientist |
| 4. F | 4. humans |
| 5. B | 5. escape |
| 6. G | 6. test |
| 7. D | 7. adventure |
| 8. C | 8. robot |

● **How Much Do You Understand?**

1. F (*The robot was already in Russia.*)
2. T
3. T
4. F (*The robot caused a traffic jam when its batteries died.*)
5. T
6. F (*No one was hurt.*)

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