# Tommy's Robot

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Tommy was a smart kid. He was great with computers and with tools. He was always searching for a new challenge and something new to build. Today, he decided to build a robot, so he went into his shop and got to work.

First, he worked on the electronics. He had to get all the wires, lights, and sensors ready. He was very busy all morning putting the pieces together.

Second, he started designing the body of the robot. This took a lot of metal and plastic. He chopped, cut, shaped, and welded the pieces into the proper shape. It looked really good so far.

Next, he began assembling the robot. He had to rework pieces to fit together just right. After all, the robot had to move around and do stuff. It was important to make sure it could do everything he wanted. When that was done, it was time for a lunch break!

It was after lunch when he started working on the programs for the robot. It wasn't enough to have wires, lights, motors, and speakers in the robot. It had to do stuff, and that meant he had to use his computer to tell his robot what to do.
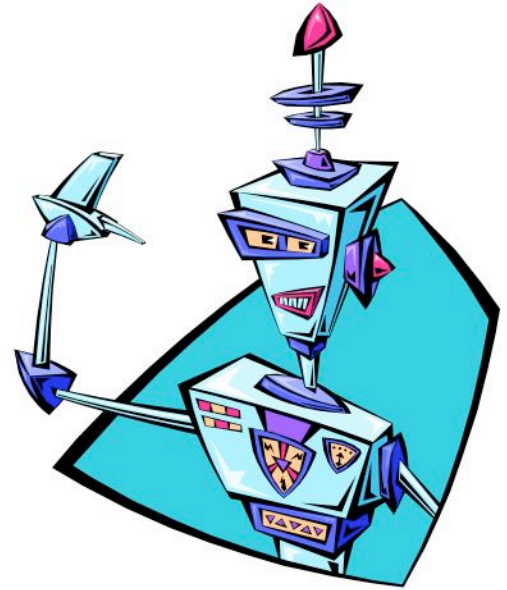
The final step was to decorate the robot. He added stickers, paint, and decals. Then he added some neat designs to the robot's chest.

Now it was finally time to test the robot. Tommy yawned and flipped the power switch. The robot hopped up and began moving around, full of life.

"What are your orders?" The robot asked.

"Clean up this mess. I'm tired and need to go to sleep." Tommy answered.

Making robots was tough work, and he didn't even have the energy to play with his creation. Minutes later, Tommy was asleep, while his robot cleaned the shop.

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   B. the body design
   C. programming
   D. decorating and designs

3. What was the last step to making the robot?
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4. What were the robot's first words?
   A. "I come in peace."
   B. "I am hungry."
   C. "What are your orders?"
   D. "I am here to party!"

5. What problem does Tommy have at the ending?
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