

I, Robot

The story step by step

1 Listen to chapter 1 on your CD/download, and decide which you hear.

- 1 It must not allow a human to be harmed / armed.
- 2 I had come to U.S. Robots in Newark / New York.
- 3 At the age of twenty / twenty-two, Susan had watched Dr. Alfred Lanning demonstrate the first robot that was able to talk and move / walk and talk.
- 4 She behaved oddly / coldly toward people.
- 5 For fifty / fifteen years, she worked with robots.
- 6 But I wanted more personal / professional facts about the doctor.
- 7 I want to hear your own / the whole story.
- 8 They're cleaner / cleverer and better than we are.
- 9 Robbie was made to look after / take care of children. He was a nanny ...

2 Listen to chapter 2 on your CD/download. How many times do you hear the following adverbs?

slowly	happily	angrily

3 Complete these sentences with the correct form of the passive then listen to chapter 3 to check your answers. Use the verbs from the box.

design develop give invent make
 measure need punish send test

- 1 The robot engineers, Gregory Powell and Michael Donovan, _____ to the space station.
- 2 But the QT model __ only recently _____.
- 3 We built you from parts that _____ from Earth.
- 4 Space has no beginning and no end. It can't _____.
- 5 Because these things can harm human, robots _____ to do the work.
- 6 And now only two humans _____ in each Space Station.
- 7 You _____ of soft material ... you _____ not well _____.
- 8 Now the robots have gone crazy, and we're in trouble. We _____.
- 9 Go down these stairs ... You _____ instructions.
- 10 " _____ this robot _____?" asked Powell. He was worried.

4 Listen to chapter 4 of *I, Robot* and put these events in order.

- Susan's face went red.
- Powell suggested making a cave-in.
- The two men saw the robots marching up and down a tunnel.
- Donovan threw a book at a screen.
- The men had to crawl along the floor.
- The DV-5 was developed.
- Donovan banged his hand on a desk.
- Donovan watched three working shifts.
- Three shots were fired.
- Greg explained everything.
- Powell and Donovan arrived at the asteroid mine.
- Powell decided to test DV-5's brain.
- The two men climbed down from a ledge.
- Powell decided the problem was connected to taking decisions.
- Powell stopped reading *The Handbook of Robotics*.

5 Listen to chapter 5 on your CD/download. What do these numbers refer to? They are in the order that you hear them.

34	
75,234	
4	
3	
30	
35	
70	
nearly 30	
5	
4	
3	
1 (one)	
2	

6 Listen to chapter 6 and complete the gaps in these pieces of dialogue.

- 1 "We _____ a robot" Kallner said. "We _____ everything that we _____ think of. But we _____ find it. We _____ . We _____ help from experts."
 "Why is this one robot so important?" asked Calvin. "And why _____ you _____ it?"
- 2 "There's nothing especially different about the Nestors," Black said. "Of course, they're _____ . And they're _____."
 "They're _____?" she repeated. "Why do the Nestors make you _____? Have they ever refused _____ order?"
- 3 "What is your _____, Dr Calvin?" the general asked.
 "We _____ the test," she replied, "But we _____ electric beams between the robots and the man. We _____ the robots that the electrical beams _____ them. We _____ switch the electricity off. But the robots _____ that."
- 4 "_____ any of the robots spoken _____?" Calvin asked.
 "No," Black said. "They _____ or spoken to each other."
 "Good," said Calvin. "They _____ in front of me," she explained to Bogert and the general.
 "If any robot _____ strangely, I _____ it immediately."
- 5 Normal Nestors _____ the difference between types of radiation. They _____ physics. Only Nestor 10 knew the difference, because he _____ the science by Gerald Black.

7 Listen to chapter 7 and decide if these sentences are true (T) false (F) or '?' if we don't know.

- 1 Byerley was elected in 2030, and the election was strange.
- 2 Byerley and his wife had had a car accident and Byerley was seriously injured. She was killed.
- 3 Byerley never sleeps.
- 4 Both Byerley and John are in the garden while they talk.
- 5 Susan Calvin suggests using an X-ray to see if Byerley is a robot.
- 6 Byerley's teacher used to be a lawyer and is studying biophysics.
- 7 Everyone around the world wanted to know if Byerley was a robot.
- 8 Calvin and Byerley met for the last time during the night.
- 9 Calvin knew that Byerley was a robot.
- 10 Calvin had died before the story was written.