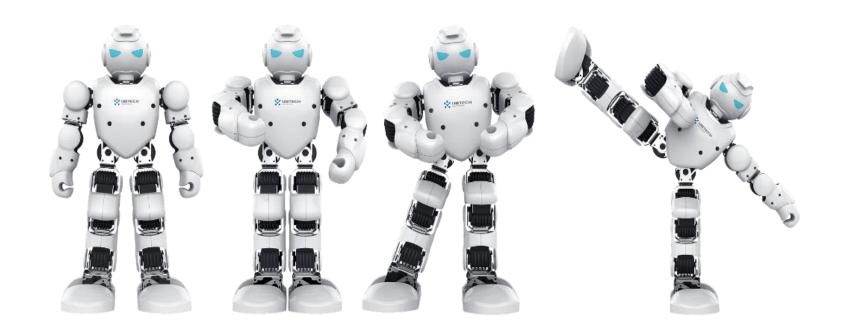


• Warm-up questions



What are these?
What do you know about them?

Read and learn

The History of Robots

Robots are becoming popular nowadays. They were invented to help people do some work. They are machines which are as intelligent and as creative as humans. But do you know when the first robot was invented?

It started when Archytas, a Greek mathematician, invented a dove two thousand years ago.



robot

A machine that can perform some of the tasks of a human being.

• Learn some new words.



nowadays

During these present times.



machine

A device with parts that work together to perform a task.



Greek mathematician

A person from Greece who is good at mathematics.

Read and learn

The robot bird could flap its wings and fly in the air at a low level. Scientists believed that the bird could fly because of the steam. When the air was released, it flapped its wings and flew in the sky as far as 200 meters. It was the first robot ever invented.

Many years later, it has been spread around the world and people have begun to create robots that are identical to humans.



flap

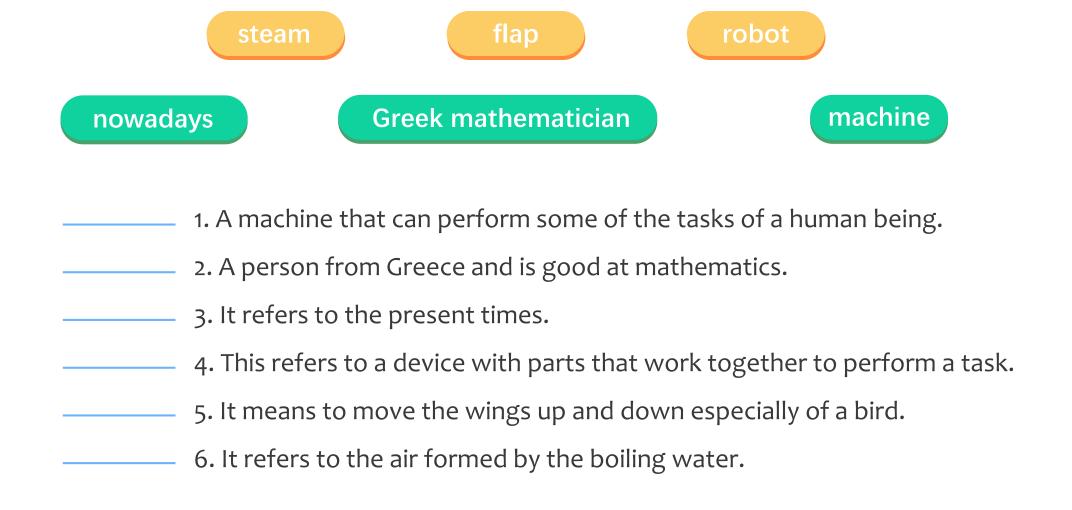
To move the wings up and down.



steam

Air or water vapor formed by boiling.

• Choose the correct word.



Grammar



as + adjective + as

used to make comparisons when the things being compared are equal in some way.

Examples

- 1. The machines are as intelligent as humans.
- 2. It could fly high as far as 200 meters.
- Fill in the blanks using as + adjective + as.
 - 1. The giraffe is _____ the tree. (tall)
 - 2. The sky is _____ the water. (clear)



Answer the following questions.



1. Who invented the first ever robot?

2. What was his invention and what could it do?

3. How did the automaton flap its wings?

4. Do you think his robot was a great help?