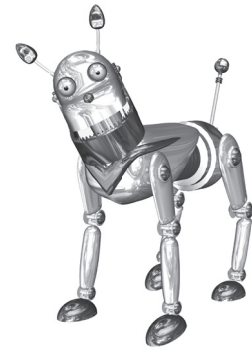


8. Future People

¹This was not home. ²The grass was pink and blue and the sky was green. ³I looked around and didn't see anyone I knew. ⁴Suddenly, a gigantic mechanical eagle came flying toward my head. ⁵I ducked just in time as it took off into the distance. ⁶I started to explore the area and I noticed people walking toward a massive building on top of a mountain. ⁷I couldn't see their faces, but they moved strangely, like their arms and legs were stiff, heavy, and made of metal. ⁸The building must not have had a ceiling because I could see bright, colored lights beaming from it into the oddly-colored sky. ⁹I kept an eye on the lights as I mumbled to myself that everything was going to be okay. ¹⁰I felt that if I made it to the top of the mountain, that is, to the location of the building, I'd know where I was, or at least might know a few people there.



¹¹As I began toward the mountain, something that looked like a dog approached me. ¹²It looked up and its eyes were made of tiny computer screens. ¹³I jumped back and a distorted sounding bark came out of his mouth. ¹⁴Its antenna-like tail began to wag. ¹⁵I decided that I needed a friend, so I reached down, patted its head, and kept walking. ¹⁶It followed right behind me.

¹⁷All the creatures I passed had their heads down, fixated on a small device in their hands. ¹⁸Not a single one turned its head from the small device to say hello or to smile. ¹⁹I felt strange not having one of them myself.

²⁰I finally made it to the top of the mountain and walked through a door to get inside the enormous building. ²¹The biggest computer screen I had ever seen in my life was inside! ²²It was playing thousands of different video clips at hyper-speed. ²³The creatures sat in rows facing the screen, mesmerized.

²⁴BEEP! BEEP! BEEP! ²⁵The sound was getting louder and louder. ²⁶BEEP! BEEP! BEEP! ²⁷I rolled over and hit the alarm clock. ²⁸As I got out of bed, my cell phone dropped to the floor. ²⁹I picked up my phone and started to walk out of the room. ³⁰I stopped and stared for a moment at my phone and my computer screen. ³¹I wondered what life would be like without them.

Circle **T** if you are certain this sentence is true. Circle **F** if you are certain it is false. Circle **U** if it is unknown because you need more information. Add the sentence number(s) that best supports your true or false answer.

1. The narrator met a real dog in the story. T ____, F ____, or U
2. A small screen was playing video clips at hyper-speed inside the building on the mountain. T ____, F ____, or U

Circle the letter next to the correct answer or write the answer on the lines given.

3. What can you reasonably infer from sentence 7?

a. The people were lost.	c. The people walked slowly.
b. The people must be robots.	d. The people were far away.
4. Given that the sky was green, the grass was pink and blue, and the birds and the dog were mechanical, you can reasonably infer which one of the following:

a. The narrator likes mechanical animals.	c. The narrator was the only human left in this world.
b. It was a pretty sunset.	d. This was a fantasy world.
5. What most likely caused the people in the building to be mesmerized?

a. thousands of different computers	c. small devices
b. a large screen showing video clips at hyper-speed	d. a and c
6. What is the most likely device the robots were looking down at in sentences 17 and 18?

a. an electronic reader	c. a hand-held computer
b. a GPS	d. unknown
7. Based on sentences 11-15, what is incorrect about the picture of the dog on page 16?

Circle **PT** for probably true or **PF** for probably false. Be sure to supply the best evidence that supports your answer: sentence number(s) and/or personal knowledge.

8. The narrator was scared in the first paragraph.

PT or PF Sentence _____ Personal knowledge: _____

9. The robots that the narrator describes in the story do not exist.

PT or PF Sentences _____ Personal knowledge: _____
