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We Build a Robot

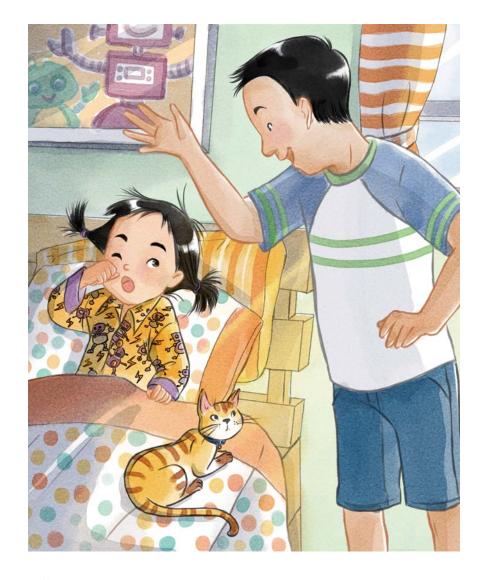


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Focus Question

Why was Sarah's gift special?



"Happy birthday, Sarah!" Dad says.

"There's a big surprise for you in the living room," he adds.



Sarah sees a big box.

It is almost as tall as she is.

She rips the box open.

Inside are two metal legs, two arms, a head, and a body.

"Cool, it's a robot!" says Sarah.

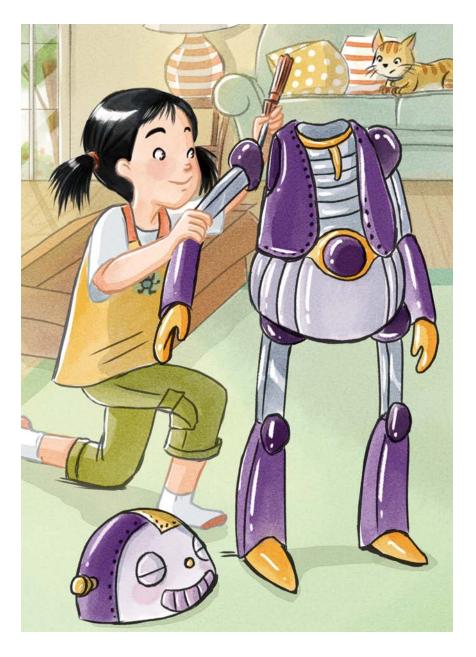


"Let's build it now!" Sarah says.

Dad brings in tools.



"First, the robot's legs go on," Dad says.



"Next, the robot's arms go on," Dad says.



"Last, the robot's head goes on," Dad says.



"I think it's ready," says Sarah, excited.

She hits the big red "ON" button.

Nothing happens to the robot.

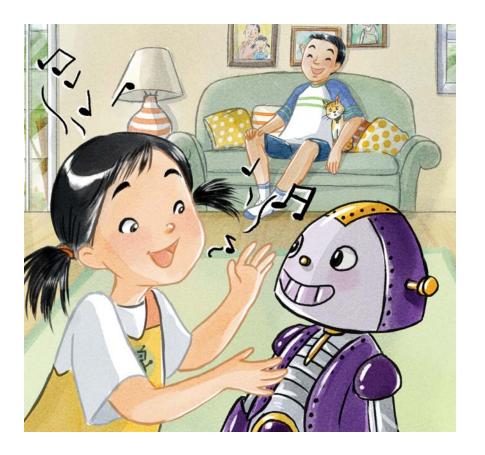
"Is it broken?" Sarah asks.



"I know what's missing," says Dad.
He hands Sarah batteries.
She puts them in the robot.
Then, she presses the big red "ON" button again.



The robot comes to life. "Happy birthday to you!" sings the robot.



"Dad, we built a robot today," says Sarah.

"That means we have the same birthday!" she adds.

Sarah turns to the robot.

"Happy birthday to you, too!" she sings.

Words to Know

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Writing

If you had a robot, what special things would you want it to do? Write a list of things that you would want the robot to do.

Math

Sarah's robot had two legs, two arms, a body, and a head. How many parts were there in all? If she had two robots, how many body parts would she have in all?



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