Unit focus: Robots Text focus: Non-Chronological Repor[.]



BUTLER-BOT

The Butler-Bot[™] is the latest in the line of ultra-useful robots from RoboCorp LTD. With its high-end features and sophisticated good looks, there's no reason not to own one!

Short of time but fancy a cuppa'? Butler-Bot™ can make up to one hundred cups of tea simultaneously! Not only that, it will stack the cups neatly with only a 50% spill rate! With a flat top and built in serving tray, the Butler-Bot[™] is the only serving robot you'll ever need. The heat from the engine will keep your food warm for up to 90 seconds and with only a tiny after-taste of oil. Perfect!

It's not all food and drink with the Butler-Bot[™]. Stick a sweeping brush in one of the three hands and watch as it moves the dust around the floor. Keep an out for discarded piles, though, it isn't great at remembering to put them into the dustbin.

Each Butler-Bot[™] comes with three arms as standard. They have been designed to be thin and may break and so more can be fitted on request; however, we've always found three to be sufficient.

Hosting a posh dinner party? Maybe you've got royalty visiting? Butler-Bot™ comes ready dressed in a dashing tuxedo complete with tie (in a colour of your choice) and snappy lapels. No ironing needed; it's all painted on!

The patented hard rubber wheels mean that your new servant can grip almost any surface. Thanks to the LessMark[™] technology, the wheels are guaranteed to not leave marks on any surface other than carpet, tiles, wooden flooring and lino.

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VOCABULARY FOCUS

- 1. Which word tells you that the manufacturers consider three arms to be enough?
- 2. Which word tells us that the robot can make more than one cup of tea at the same time?
- 3. Use a dictionary to find the definition of the word "sophisticated".
- 4. What is "cuppa'" an abbreviation of?

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5. Find a word which tells us that the robot often leaves piles of dust lying around.

VIPERS QUESTIONS

How do you think the author feels about the Butler-Bot? How do you know?

Explain two of the things that aren't so great about the Butler-Bot.

How many arms does the robot come with as standard?

What other features do you think would be useful on a Butler-Bot?

How many cups of tea does the robot generally spill?

Answers:

- 1. Sufficient
- 2. Simultaneously
- 3. A great deal of experience and knowledge of fashion or culture
- 4. Cup of tea
- 5. Discarded

I: In favour of or likes it. The author uses positive language and includes exciting information.

E: Any explanations including tyre marks, cold or bad tasting food, easily broken arms, piles of dust etc

R: Three

P: Any suitable prediction

R: 50%

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