

There's something funny about Mr Robert

The characters

The Baker family

Greg: 13; intelligent; T-shirt, jeans

Lynda: 12; Greg's sister; loves dancing; dance clothes

Mrs Baker: a doctor

Mr Baker: a police officer

The Smith family

Polly: 13; likes computers; T-shirt, jeans

Fred: 12; Polly's brother; likes karate, judo, basketball; sport clothes

Mr Smith: a scientist

Mrs Smith: a vet

Other characters

Mr Robert: a new teacher; a top hat, grey clothes, sunglasses

Robots: 6 (or more); antennas on their heads, grey clothes

A waiter

Narrators: two boys and two girls with nice clothes and tablets

Scene 1

[The Baker family and the Smith family are in the school playground. Greg, Lynda, Polly and Fred have got school bags. Greg has got a calculator. Fred has got a basketball between his feet. Mr Smith is talking on his mobile phone.]

Narrator 1: Hello, everyone. Welcome to our play.

Narrator 2: Meet the Baker family. This is Greg. He's 13. He's good at Maths.

Greg: Hello! *[Greg waves to the audience.]*

Narrator 3: This is Lynda. She's Greg's sister. She's good at dancing.

Lynda: Hi everyone! *[Lynda dances.]*

Narrator 4: Let's meet their Mum and Dad. Mrs Baker is a doctor and Mr Baker is a police officer.

Mr and Mrs Baker: Hello! *[Mr and Mrs Baker wave to the audience.]*

Narrator 1: Now let's meet the Smith family.

Narrator 2: This is Polly. She's Fred's friend. She's interested in computers.

Polly: Hi there! *[Polly waves to the audience.]*

Narrator 3: This is Fred. He's Polly's brother. He's good at karate.

Fred: Hello! *[Fred does some karate.]*

Narrator 4: Let's meet their Mum and Dad. Mr Smith is a scientist and Mrs Smith is a vet.

Mr and Mrs Smith: Hi! *[Mr and Mrs Smith wave to the audience.]*

Narrator 1: It's the first day of school and the families are in the playground.

[Mrs Baker waves to the Smiths and says hello to the Smith family.]

Mrs Baker: Hello everyone. Did you have a good holiday?

Mrs Smith: Yes, we did thanks.

Greg: We visited London. We went to the Science Museum and to the Natural History Museum.

Lynda: It was boring. But we went to a musical show. That was really exciting!

Fred: We went to Spain. We were near the sea and I played tennis on the beach with Dad.

Lynda: Cool!

Polly: I stayed at the hotel. There was a Wi-Fi connection and I played computer games.

Narrator 2: A new teacher arrives in the playground. He stands behind Mr Smith.

[Fred picks up the ball and bounces it a few times. Then he throws the ball to Mr Smith. Mr Smith doesn't catch it because he is talking on his mobile phone. Mr Robert catches the ball.]

Mr Robert: *[Mr Robert gives the ball to Fred. He speaks slowly.]*
Is this your ball?

Fred: Yes, it is. Thanks.

Mr Robert: I'm Mr Robert. I'm the new Computer Studies teacher.

Mr Smith: *[Mr Smith stops talking on the phone.]*
Hello Mr Robert.
I'm Mr Smith. It's nice to meet you.

Mr Robert: Hello Mr Smith. You are kind. Thank you. I'd like to have lunch with you.

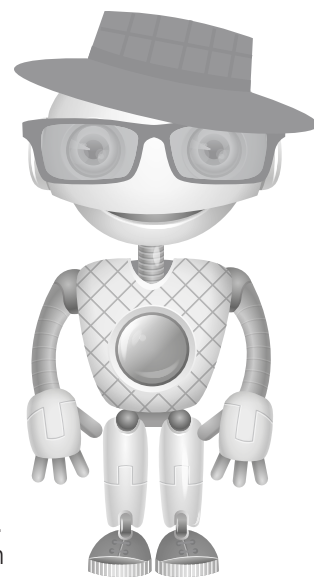
Mr Smith: *[surprised]* Well, we are busy at lunchtime... *[Mr Robert looks sad.]* Oh, OK. So, are you new in town? *[Mr Robert nods his head slowly.]* OK. We can meet at the pizzeria later for dinner. *[Mr Robert smiles.]*

Mr Robert: Thank you. You are friendly. Goodbye.
[Mr Robert walks slowly to the school.]

Greg: Mr Robert is friendly!

Polly: There's something funny about Mr Robert.

[We hear the bell for the first lesson. The Mums and Dads wave goodbye to their children and they leave. The children run into the school.]



Scene 2

[Mr Robert is in the computer room. He is sitting at his desk reading a book. Greg, Lynda, Polly and Fred come in the room.]

Narrator 3: Greg, Polly, Fred and Lynda often go to the computer room at lunch time.

Narrator 4: They usually help Polly with the school blog.

Greg: Excuse me. Can we come in, please?

Mr Robert: Yes, you can.

Polly: Can I use a laptop, please?

Mr Robert: Yes, you can.

[Polly sits down and uses the laptop. Mr Robert stands up and walks to the students. He is slow.]

Mr Robert: Hello. What are your names?

Fred: My name's Fred Smith and this is my sister Polly.

Mr Robert: Fred. How do you spell that?

Fred: *[surprised]* F-R-E-D!

Mr Robert: Is Mr Smith your father?

Fred and Polly: Yes, he is.

Lynda: I'm Lynda Baker and this is my brother Greg.

Mr Robert: Hello Lynda Baker. What is your favourite hobby?

Lynda: *[surprised]* My favourite hobby is dancing.

Greg: I like playing chess.

Fred: I love karate.

Polly: I'm into computers.

Mr Robert: Oh. You are very different. Are you friends?

Kids: Yes, we are!

Lynda: What's your hobby, Mr Robert?

Mr Robert: I like reading books. Wait a minute please.

[Mr Robert walks slowly to his desk. He looks for something. The children whisper to each other.]

Greg: I think Mr Robert is nice.

Lynda: I'm not sure. He's strange.

[Mr Robert stands up again. He walks to the students. He is slow.]

Mr Robert: This is my mobile phone number. *[Mr Robert holds his nose. He pulls a long piece of paper out of his pocket.]* Can you give it to Mr Smith, please? Can he call me? I don't know where the pizzeria is.

[Fred takes the piece of paper.]

Fred: Sure, no problem.

Mr Robert: Thank you Fred. You are friendly. Goodbye.

[Mr Robert leaves the computer room slowly.]

Polly: There's something funny about Mr Robert!

Fred: Wait, I have to call Dad. *[Fred uses his mobile phone.]* Hi Dad! Can you please call Mr Robert? He doesn't know where the pizzeria is. This is his phone number: 12349876.

[We hear the school bell again.]

Lynda: Afternoon lesson guys. Let's meet in the playground later.

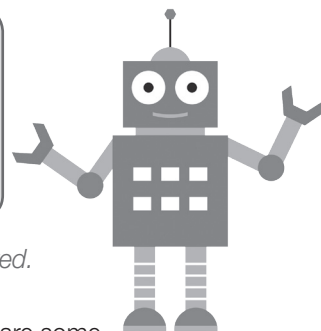
Scene 3

[Polly, Greg, Fred and Lynda are in the playground. The robots come. They walk fast.]

Narrator 1: Look at the robots! They are from Tech City. They speak fast. Listen.

Robot chant 1

Where's Rob?
Where's Rob?
We don't know.
Look high and low.



[Polly, Greg, Fred and Lynda are scared. They are behind the trees.]

Robot 1: *[to robots]* Look! There are some students behind the tree.

Robot 2: *[to students]* Hello. Don't be scared. We aren't dangerous.

[The children come out from behind the tree. They stand next to the robots.]

Polly: Who are you?

Robot 3: We're robots.

Greg: Where do you live?

Robot 4: We live in Tech City.

Lynda: Why are you here?

Robot 5: We are looking for our friend.

Fred: Is your friend a robot too?

Robot 6: Yes, he is. His name is Rob.

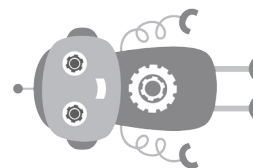
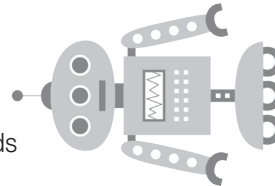
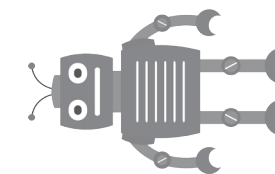
Polly: What are your names?

Robot 1: I'm Bot. These are my friends Dot, Lot, Not, Wot and Zot.

Robots 2-6: *[smiling and waving fast]* Hello. Hello. Hello.

Robot chant 2

Robots are cool.
Robots are friendly.
We're usually good.
But not last Wednesday.



Fred: Did you do something bad last Wednesday?

Robot 1: *[sad]* Yes, we did.

Robot 2: Rob wanted to meet us.

Robot 3: We were all busy.

Robot 4: We didn't have time for him.

Robot 5: Rob was sad.

Robot 6: Rob left Tech City. We can't find him. We are worried about him.

Lynda: We can help you find Rob. My Dad is a police officer. He's at the pizzeria now! Let's go!

Scene 4

[The Mums and Dads are sitting at a table at the restaurant. There is one extra chair. Mr Robert walks in slowly.]

Narrator 2: The families are at the restaurant. Mr Smith phoned Mr Robert and he gave him directions.

Mr Robert: Hello friends.

Mr Smith: Hello Mr Robert. Please sit down.

[Mr Robert sits down. A waiter walks to the table.]

Waiter: *[to everyone at the table]* What would you like?

Mrs Baker: Two Vegetarian pizzas and lemonade, please.

Mrs Smith: I'd like a Pepperoni pizza and cola.

Mr Smith: Can I have a Margherita pizza, please?

Waiter: OK, and you? *[to Mr Robert]*

Mr Robert: I'd like a jar of jam, please.

Waiter: *[surprised]* This is a pizzeria.

Mr Robert: Oh. I'd like a Jam pizza, please. I don't eat meat.

Waiter: OK. But we don't have any Jam pizzas...

[The waiter walks away.]

Mr Robert: You're very friendly. What are your jobs?

Mr Baker: I'm a police officer.

Mr Smith: I'm a scientist. I work with crocodiles.

Mr Robert: Oh, that's interesting. Crocodiles. The biggest crocodiles can be over 7 metres long and more than 1000 kilograms.

Mr Smith: *[surprised]* Oh, you know a lot about crocodiles.

[The waiter comes back with pizzas and drinks.]

Mr Robert: Thank you. *[Mr Robert eats some pizza.]* Oh no! I can't eat vegetables. I don't feel OK.

Narrator 3: Mr Robert isn't moving!

Mrs Smith: Oh, I can help!

Mr Smith: No, you can't! You're a vet not a doctor. Mrs Baker can help.

Mrs Baker: Yes. I'm a doctor. *[Mrs Baker listens to Mr Robert's chest.]* That's funny. I can't hear anything.

Narrator 4: Mr Robert wakes up.

Mrs Smith: Are you OK now Mr Robert?

Mr Robert: Yes, I am. Thank you Mrs Smith. You are friendly.

[The door opens and the kids and robots come in the pizzeria.]

Lynda: Hi Dad!

Mr Baker: Hi Lynda. What are you doing here?

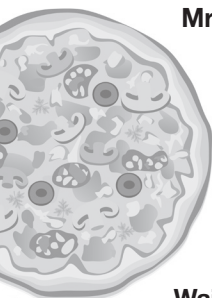
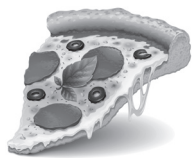
Lynda: Can you help our friends, please? They can't find their best friend. *[to the robots]* This is my Dad. He's a police officer.

[The parents are scared when they see the robots. Mr Robert hides his face behind a menu.]

Mr Smith: Are these your friends?

Mrs Smith: They're robots!

Mrs Baker: Help!



Mr Baker: I'm a police officer. Don't do anything bad!

Robot 1: Don't be scared. We aren't dangerous. We are good robots. We're looking for our friend.

Robot 3: He left home.

Robot 4: We can't find him.

Robot 5: We are worried about him.

Mr Baker: Oh, yes. OK. When did you last see him?

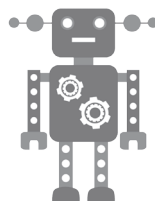
Robot 1: We saw him last week in Tech City. We were bad to him and he left.

Mr Baker: What does he look like?

Robot 2: He looks like us. He's got grey clothes.

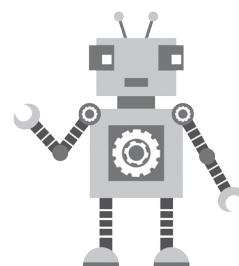
Robot 3: But he is slow.

Robot 4: He likes jam.



Robot chant 3

Rob is friendly.
Rob is slow.
His favourite food
is jam in jars.



Mr Baker: Jam in jars. There was something about jam.

Mrs Smith: Mr Robert likes jam.

Polly: I knew it! There is something funny about Mr Robert!

[Mr Robert puts down the menu.]

Lynda: Mr Robert! Is it true? Are you Rob?

Fred: Are you a robot?

Mr Robert: Yes, I am.

[Mr Robert takes off his hat and sunglasses. Mr Robert is a robot.]

Robot 6: Rob! We found you.

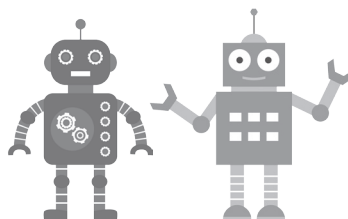
Robot 1: Why did you leave?

Mr Robert: We are different. You are fast robots. I am a slow robot. We've got different hobbies. You like sports and games and I like animals and reading books. I thought you didn't like me.

Robot 1: That's silly. You're my best friend.

Robots 2-6: Yes. You're our best friend.

Robot 4: We're all different but it doesn't matter!



Robot chant 4

We are sorry Robert.
You are our best friend.
We are sorry Robert.
Can we be friends again?

Mr Robert: *[happy]* Yes, we can!

Robot chant 5

We're all different.
It's a normal thing.
This makes life interesting!

