

# I Robot

## Isaac Asimov

### Vocabulary: words in the story

1	Russian scientists <u>launched</u> Sputnik 1 in 1957.
2	Asimov <u>invented</u> some special words for his stories.
3	A robot must not <u>harm</u> a human being.
4	The Third Law must not <u>conflict</u> with the first two laws.
5	Robots must <u>protect</u> themselves from danger.
6	The <u>development</u> of robots continued and the designs improved.
7	Between 2003 and 2007, most governments on Earth <u>banned</u> robots.
8	DV-5 robots were used to <u>mine</u> ore from under the ground.
9	The robots did not have to be <u>supervised</u> by humans while they worked.
10	In the event of an accident, we have emergency <u>procedures</u> that operate automatically.
11	A robot's brain is not as <u>complex</u> as a human brain – it is simpler.
12	Bogert was told to leave his job for a time – he was <u>suspended</u> .
13	Robots are better than humans – robots are <u>superior</u> to humans.
14	The positronic brains of the Nestors are less <u>stable</u> than human brains.
15	He was <u>elected</u> as mayor.
16	We thought that people might not trust Nestor models – we thought that people might be suspicious of them.

**Writing: rewrite sentences**

1	She was retiring because she was 70 years old.
2	The population of the Solar System is more than 3 billion.
3	He's cheating.
4	Robots are more faithful than humans.
5	Robbie always obeyed Mrs Weston.
6	Stop this immediately.
7	Gloria thought that Robbie was human.
8	That is illogical.
9	A simple being cannot create another, more superior being
10	Powell and Donovan – you have no purpose here.
11	That robot is designed to work without supervision.
12	"Destroy all sixty-three robots," said the robot-psychologist.

**Grammar: syntax**

1	She was not sure that there really was an emergency.
2	He's hiding because he wants to show that he's superior to humans.
3	I didn't realize that he was a candidate in the election.
4	It's impossible to tell the difference between a superior robot and the very best humans.
5	It will be the Machines who decide who lives, and who dies.