



A. Look at the picture and the title. Who or what do you think Ros is?

## ROS (Robotic Office Servant)

I don't really mind my job, and sometimes I even like it. I work at the LUX Power Company in Wyoming. For some people, my job might seem boring, but I just enjoy a good day of work. The office opens around 9:00am, but before that I'm rolling around turning on computers and cleaning up before everyone gets in. During the day, work isn't hard, and can even be lots of fun. I often have to type up letters, solve

Maths problems, make coffee, write e-mails, and sometimes, my favourite part, I get to go into the room with a red 'X' to fix the computers.

The people here are very nice. There's Dr Arnold, he's the head scientist. I like to call him 'Boss', which I think is funny because it rhymes with my name 'Ros'! Dr Arnold is always very interested in my opinion about things. There are Dr Sally the Nuclear Physicist, and Barry the Technician. Dr Sally's a really sweet girl and she's very nice to me. Every day around 13:02pm,

everyone usually goes to lunch. I normally stay in the office and continue working, but one day Sally turned to me and asked, 'Hey Ros, would you like to join us for lunch?' I got so excited, but Barry just laughed and answered, 'He's not going anywhere. He needs to finish fixing the computer (Barry was supposed to do this but didn't!). What's he going to do with us anyhow, drink oil?' Everyone just laughed and walked out. That made me feel very sad.

As you can see, I don't really like Barry very much. I mean, he doesn't even know my name! What Barry doesn't understand is that, like everyone else, I too have feelings. A polite 'please' or 'thanks' once in a while would really help our relationship. He could start by learning my name. Maybe I'll talk to him about it tomorrow. If I'm reasonable, I think he'll understand.

Well, it's getting late, and I have to continue working. I've got a list of 9 more chores to do before the office opens up tomorrow and I don't want to be late. First thing on the list – to fix my left eye. That's been bothering me for over a week now, but I've been too busy to correct it. Here's the pin. 1, 2, 3 turns—there, that's better, isn't it!

B. Read the text and answer the questions. Choose **a**, **b** or **c**.

- From reading the text what do we understand about Ros?
  - He is human.
  - He is a kind of robot.
  - His colleagues don't like him.
- When does Ros start work?
  - when the office opens
  - after everyone gets to the office
  - before the office opens
- Who is interested in what Ros thinks about things?
  - Dr Sally
  - Dr Arnold
  - Barry
- Why doesn't Ros like Barry?
  - because Barry doesn't know his name
  - because Barry does things that hurt his feelings
  - because Barry didn't fix the computer
- Ros probably
  - doesn't stop working even at night.
  - works only during the day.
  - doesn't work very hard.