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QT-1, known as "Cutie", was different. The Earthman put his hand on Cutie's shoulder. The metal was cold and hard to the touch.

"Cutie," he said, "I'll explain something to you. You are the first robot who had asked, 'Who am I ?' I hope your special **intelligence** (power of brain) will help you to understand."

The Earthman opened a square window looking into space. The strong, clear glass showed deep black space, **studded** (fully packed) with stars.

How will you describe all this to a robot ?

"What do you think is that ?" asked the Earthman.

"Exactly what it looks," replied Cutie. "A black material just beyond the glass, and there are lot of bright **blinking** (twinkling-շւշմուկ) dots."

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"Now listen carefully. The blackness you see is emptiness. Vast endless emptiness. The little **gleaming** (burning bright) dots are huge **masses** (amount, bodies) of energy-filled matter. We call them stars. Some of them are millions of kilometers in **diameter**. This space station where we are now, is only one kilometer in diameter. The dots seem tiny because they are so far off. Some of these dots are not stars, but they are planets. Worlds that human beings live on. The one you see in the bottom right-hand corner of the window is our own planet. Good old Earth. More than six **billion** (100 crore) human beings live there, Cutie."

Do you think QT will believe in these facts? How will he take them?

The red light of Cutie's electronic eyes looked at the Earthman. "Do you," said Cutie slowly, "think I will believe any such **imaginary** (not real) tale as you have just told me?" Do you think I'm stupid? Globes of energy... millions of kilometers away.... worlds with six billion humans on them, endless emptiness.....rubbish!"

Listen, I'm not a fool to believe such things. A dot is a dot... Now, look at you. The material you are made of is soft and loose. It lacks in strength. You depend for energy on the wasteful **consumption** (use by eating or drinking) of vegetables and meat." He pointed a finger at the remains of a sandwich.

"You pass regularly into a coma you call sleep. The least change in **humidity** (water vapour in atmosphere, ୟେ) or temperature decreases your abilities. I am sure, you are a temporary arrangement. When a better model comes, they will throw you away." He rose **erect** (straight, without bending). "On the other hand, I am perfectly made. I **absorb** (take in) energy directly and I use it without wastage. I am made of strong metal. I am continuously awake, and can deal with extremes of conditions quite easily. It is certain you'll agree: that not one can create another creature that is superior to the maker. So your silly explanation is nothing!"

Does the Earthman feel defeated by QT's comparison?

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Do it Yourself

Q.1 (A) Find out the words connected with following description/clue and write it in the blank :

i.e. If you put cotton on drop of water : absorb

1. Stand to measure your height : _____
2. Population of India : _____
3. You need this for scoring high in Maths : _____
4. It has nothing to do with facts : _____
5. Climate in monsoon : _____
6. How much oil do you need every month ? : _____

(B) Complete the paragraph with the words printed in colour.

Bal Hanuman got up early. He stood _____ and looked at red sun. It was _____ in the sky. Hanuman _____ at it because he wondered, "how many _____ of kilometers away will it be ?" He wanted to catch it. So he flew towards that bright _____. Is this story real or _____ ?

Q.2 (A) These expressions are about _____. Write; robot, man, planet, or stars in the blank.

1. globes of energy....millions of miles away : _____
2. made up of metal : _____
3. a temporary arrangement : _____
4. can deal with extreme energy : _____
5. More than six billion human beings live there : _____
6. has a red eye : _____

(B) Answer in brief.

1. Where are Cutie and Earthman ?
2. What is meant by : "A dot is a dot ?"
3. Write three pieces of new information you have collected from this lesson.
4. Fill details in this table : Write words or phrases

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	Strength	Weakness
Robot		
Man		

5. Would you like to be a robot ? Why ?
 6. Explain Cutie's expression, "...no one can create another creature that is superior to the maker. So your silly explanation is nothing."
 7. Suppose you happen to meet this Cutie, what questions will you ask him ? Write at least three questions.
- **Read out this story as a dialogue with your friend.**

Three tomatoes are walking down the street, a poppa tomato, a momma tomato, and a little baby tomato. The baby tomato is lagging behind the poppa and momma tomato. The poppa tomato gets mad, goes over to the momma tomato and stamps on him.

(STAMPS on the ground) and says: catch up.

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