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noun

- a machine that resembles a human and does mechanical, routine tasks on command.
- 2 a person who acts and responds in a mechanical, routine manner, usually subject to another's will; automaton.
- 3 any machine or mechanical device that operates automatically with humanlike skill.

adjective

4 operating automatically: a robot train operating between airline terminals.

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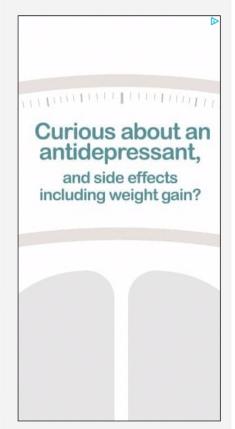
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The other culprit, of course, is the one misanthropic jerk who reported "several hundred" names to the Facebook *robot*.

FACEBOOK APOLOGIZES FOR, BUT DOESN'T RETRACT, DISCRIMINATORY 'REAL NAME' POLICY | JAY MICHAELSON | OCTOBER 1, 2014 | DAILY BEAST

The goal of the present research is to help create the programming for a *robot* that is "a sociable partner."

JAPAN'S ROBOTS ARE READING YOUR EMOTIONS | ANGELA ERIKA KUBO, JAKE ADELSTEIN | AUGUST 6, 2014 | DAILY BEAST

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COMPETITIVE EATERS, BREAKING BAD IN SPACE, AND MORE VIRAL VIDEOS | ALEX CHANCEY | JULY 19, 2014 | DAILY BEAST

I ask this because this week, a *robot* named Hitchbot is setting off on a potentially perilous journey.

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- any automated machine programmed to perform specific mechanical functions in the manner of a man
- 2 (modifier) not controlled by man; automatic: a robot pilot
- 3 a person who works or behaves like a machine; automaton
- 4 Southern African a set of traffic lights



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DERIVED FORMS OF ROBOT

robotic, adjective **robotism** *or* **robotry**, noun **robot-like**, adjective

WORD ORIGIN FOR ROBOT

C20: (used in *R.U.R.*, a play by Karel Čapek) from Czech *robota* work; related to Old Slavonic *rabota* servitude, German *Arbeit* work

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robot [rō'bŏt']

n.

A mechanical device that sometimes resembles a human and is capable of performing a variety of often complex human tasks on command or by being programmed in advance.

A machine or device that operates automatically or by remote control.

A person who works mechanically without original thought, especially one who responds automatically to the commands of others.

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ro·bot | \ rō- bät ♠, -bət \ plural robots

Definition of robot

1 : a machine that resembles a living creature in being capable of moving independently (as by walking or rolling on wheels) and performing complex actions (such as grasping and moving objects)

// When the next space launch heads for Mars, on board will be dozens of tiny mobile robots that will fan out across the Martian landscape, exploring every nook and cranny.

- Michael Bowker

often: such a machine built to resemble a human being or animal in appearance and behavior

// While science fiction *robots* have been capable of independent thought, emotions, even a little cooking and sewing, scientists are finding that endowing a mechanical being with even the most basic human functions is a monumental challenge.

- Greg Freiherr

// As a sign of the times, paleontologists themselves have taken to ... designing dinosaur robots and displays ...

- Malcolm W. Browne
- -often used before another noun

// a robot dog

// a robot servant

- compare ANDROID, BOT entry 3
- 2 a : a device that automatically performs complicated, often repetitive tasks (as in an industrial assembly

// the use of robots in car manufacturing

// ... factories run by robots producing many replicas of one product.

- Morris Philipson
- -often used before another noun

// For fluid applications, especially in the automotive industry, the robot arm must have extremely flexible movement.

- Harry H. Poole
- **b**: a mechanism guided by automatic controls // a robot airplane









3 : a person who resembles a machine in seeming to function automatically or in lacking normal feelings or emotions

// ... seems to believe that professors are *robots*, students are superficial, grade-hungry receptacles ...

Micaela Rubalcava





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Other Words from robot

robotism \ 'rō-ˌbä-ˌti-zəm ⓓ, -bə- \ noun

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// The cars are assembled by robots.

Recent Examples on the Web

// The researchers at Cornell confirmed the *robots* gripping ability with a 3-pronged grabber, more like the claw in an arcade game than a human hand.

— Theresa Machemer, *Smithsonian Magazine*, "This Robotic Hand Stays Cool by Sweating," 1 Feb. 2020

// The robots also demonstrated Ableton's ability to cut-andpaste song snippets together into a mega-mix, whether it was manipulated live at all or not.

— Billboard Staff, *Billboard*, "Dance Music at the 2020 Grammys: A Billboard Dance Contributor Roundtable," 23 Jan. 2020

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First Known Use of robot

1922, in the meaning defined at sense 1

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Czech, from *robota* compulsory labor; akin to Old High German *arabeit* trouble, Latin *orbus* orphaned — more at ORPHAN



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- : a real or imaginary machine that is controlled by a computer and is often made to look like a human or animal
- : a machine that can do the work of a person and that works automatically or is controlled by a computer

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robot noun

ro·bot | \ 'rō-ˌbät ⓓ \

Kids Definition of robot

- 1 : a machine that looks and acts like a human being
- 2 : a machine that can do the work of a person automatically or under the control of a computer

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noun (used with a singular verb)

the use of computer-controlled robots to perform manual tasks, especially on an assembly line.

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machinery, automation, mechanics, telecommunications, mechanization, Al, cybernetics, simulation,

WORDS NEARBY ROBOTICS

robot bomb, robot dancing, robot pilot, robotic, roboticst, robotics, robotize, robson, robstown, robus,

ORIGIN OF ROBOTICS

1941; robot + -ics; coined by Isaac Asimov

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Is that what we want for the students at Carl Hayden High, where the robotics club is still going strong?

The implications are enormous as all this comes amid widespread and growing excitement about robotics in

IOT OLYMPICS | CHRISTOPHER DICKEY | DECEMBER 19, 2013 | DAILY BEAST

But nobody connected with the DARPA (Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency) Robotics Challenge

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- 2 another name for robot dancing

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robotics noun, plural in form but singular in





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ro·bot·ics | \rō-'bä-tiks ♠, rə- \

Definition of robotics

: technology dealing with the design, construction, and operation of robots in automation

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roboticist \rō-'bä-tə-sist ௵, rə- \ noun

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// Investors and businesses had high hopes that this dual rise of A.I. and cheaper hardware would usher a new robotics age.

- Jonathan Vanian, Fortune, "What the Struggles of Pizza and Coffee-Making Robots Mean for Investors," 14 Jan. 2020

// The whiskey maker has printed more than 7,800 cocktails since partnering with a robotics engineer.

— Washington Post, "Banana, duct tape add up to \$150,000 at Art Basel Miami," 8 Dec. 2019

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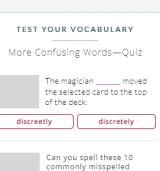






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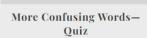
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