“I am going to design a robot. It will do what I tell it,” said Barb. “I will design it on my easel.”

“It will do what you tell it?” asked Sal.

“Yes,” said Barb. “But stay back. I do not want to show you my design until I’m finished.”

On her easel, Barb drew a robot design. Her robot looked human. It had arms, wrists, and hands. It even had fingers and thumbs with knuckles. It had knees so it could bend its legs.
and climb. It even had cute little wrinkles next to its smiling mouth.

“If I have designed this robot well, it will do a lot that humans can do,” Barb told Sal. “It will write and sign its name. It will whistle. It will get things for me. It will even use a comb and toothbrush.”

“Do you have to turn knobs to make it work?” asked Sal.

“No, I just tell it what to do,” explained Barb.

Just then a few gnats buzzed by Barb and Sal. “Yikes!” said Barb. “Chase those gnats away!”

Sal listened, waved her hand, and the gnats buzzed off fast. Then Sal asked, “Can I see the robot design?”

Barb showed Sal the design. “It looks just like me!” cried Sal.

After Sal studied the design more, she asked, “How can you test to see if this robot will do what you tell it?”

“I just did test it,” said Barb. “I had it chase away gnats.”

Sal looked surprised, but then she got it. “But I can’t whistle,” said Sal with a grin.