

Darcy's Dog Wash

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Level 22

Running Words 758 **Text Type** Narrative

Curriculum Areas English (Literacy, Literature, Language); Technologies (Design and Technologies); Science (Biological Sciences); Humanities (Civics and Citizenship)

Retelling to Encourage Critical Thinking About the Content

Ask each student to retell the story in their own words.

Record the retelling for further discussion and reflection.

Questions to Reinforce Meaning and Stimulate Discussion

Literal

- 1 Who usually groomed the dogs in Darcy's dog salon?
- 2 Why did Darcy get a big robot arm from the basement?
- 3 How did Darcy and Danzel solve the problem of competing against each other?

Inferential

- 4 Why was the man upset that his bulldog had bright pink hair?
- 5 Do you think the robots listened to Darcy when he talked to them about their mistakes? Why?
- 6 Why was Danzel laughing as he used his remote control on the roof?
- 7 Why did Danzel say he was playing with a remote-controlled helicopter?
- 8 Why did the sheepdog at Danzel's Dog Wash get an awful haircut?

Applied Knowledge

- 9 Why do people get their dogs groomed?
- 10 Why do some businesses use robots instead of people to do work?

Links with Other PM Guided Reading Books

Level 22	Narrative	<i>Saving Our Bike Track</i>
Level 22	Narrative	<i>Space Holiday</i>
Level 22	Information Report	<i>Working Dogs</i>
Level 21	Narrative	<i>The Clubhouse</i>
Level 21	Narrative	<i>Bear's Diet</i>

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Chapter 1

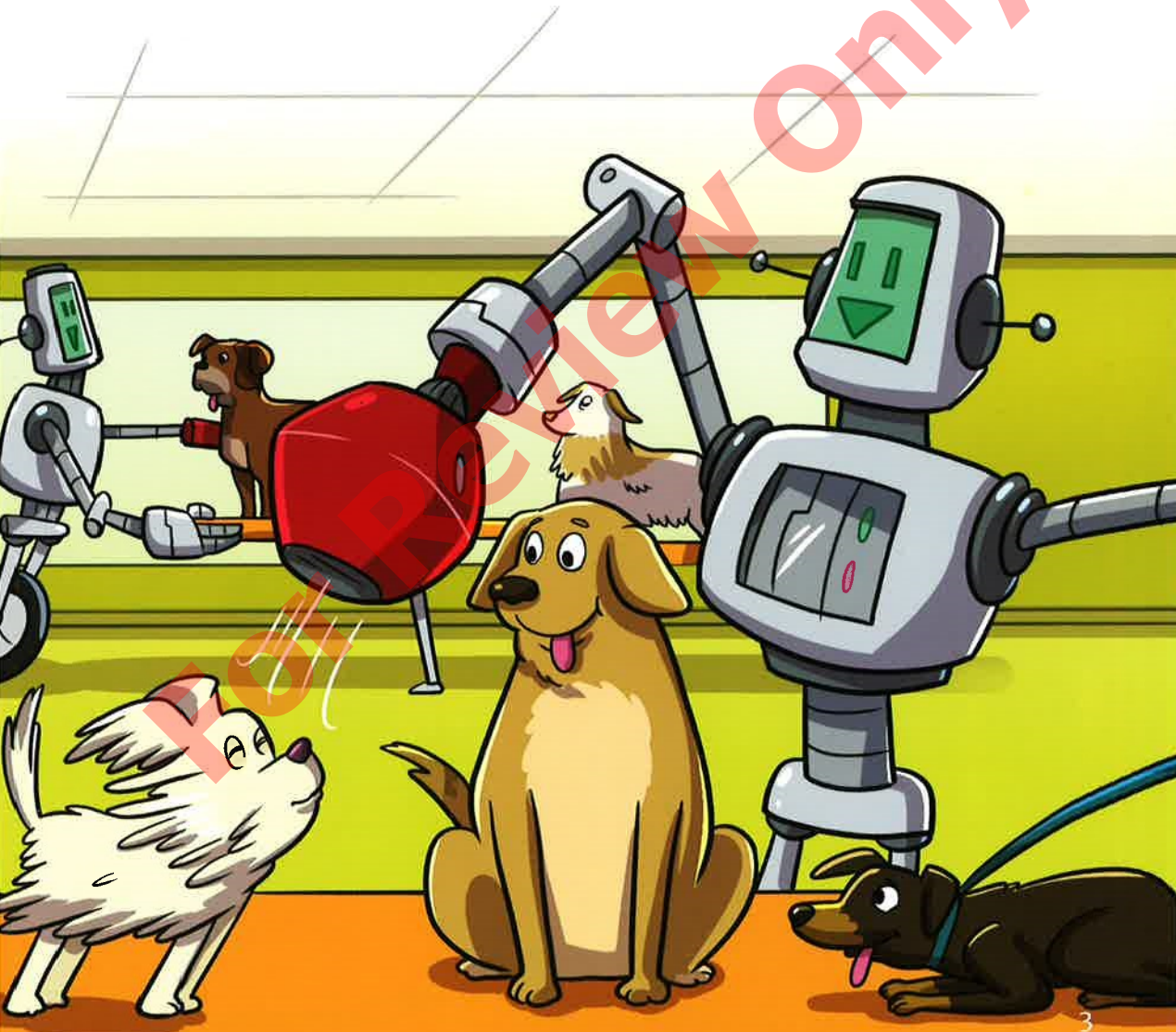
Darcy's Robots

Darcy owned a dog-grooming salon.
He had a team of robots that washed,
cut and brushed the dogs' hair.



“Good work, robots!” Darcy said to them one afternoon.

There had never been so many dogs in Darcy's salon.
He was very glad to see his robots giving such good service.



Just then, Darcy looked through his door
and his mouth fell open.

There was a new sign on the shop across the road:

Danzel's Dog Wash

"Oh, no!" he moaned.

"It looks like we have some competition."



Darcy was worried.

*There might not be enough dogs in this town
for two robot dog-grooming salons, he thought to himself.*



Chapter 2

Some Unhappy People

One afternoon, a woman came to talk to Darcy in his salon. She wasn't happy.

"Look at my poodle!" she cried.

"Can you please explain why she now has straight hair?"





A moment later, a man came over to Darcy with a bulldog and asked why it now had bright pink hair.

Then, Darcy heard a cry from a woman on the other side of the salon.

“Why does my Dalmatian have awful green spots?”