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CLASS - IX

ENGLISH

BEEHIVE

CHAPTER - 1

THE FUN THEY HAD

Part - 1

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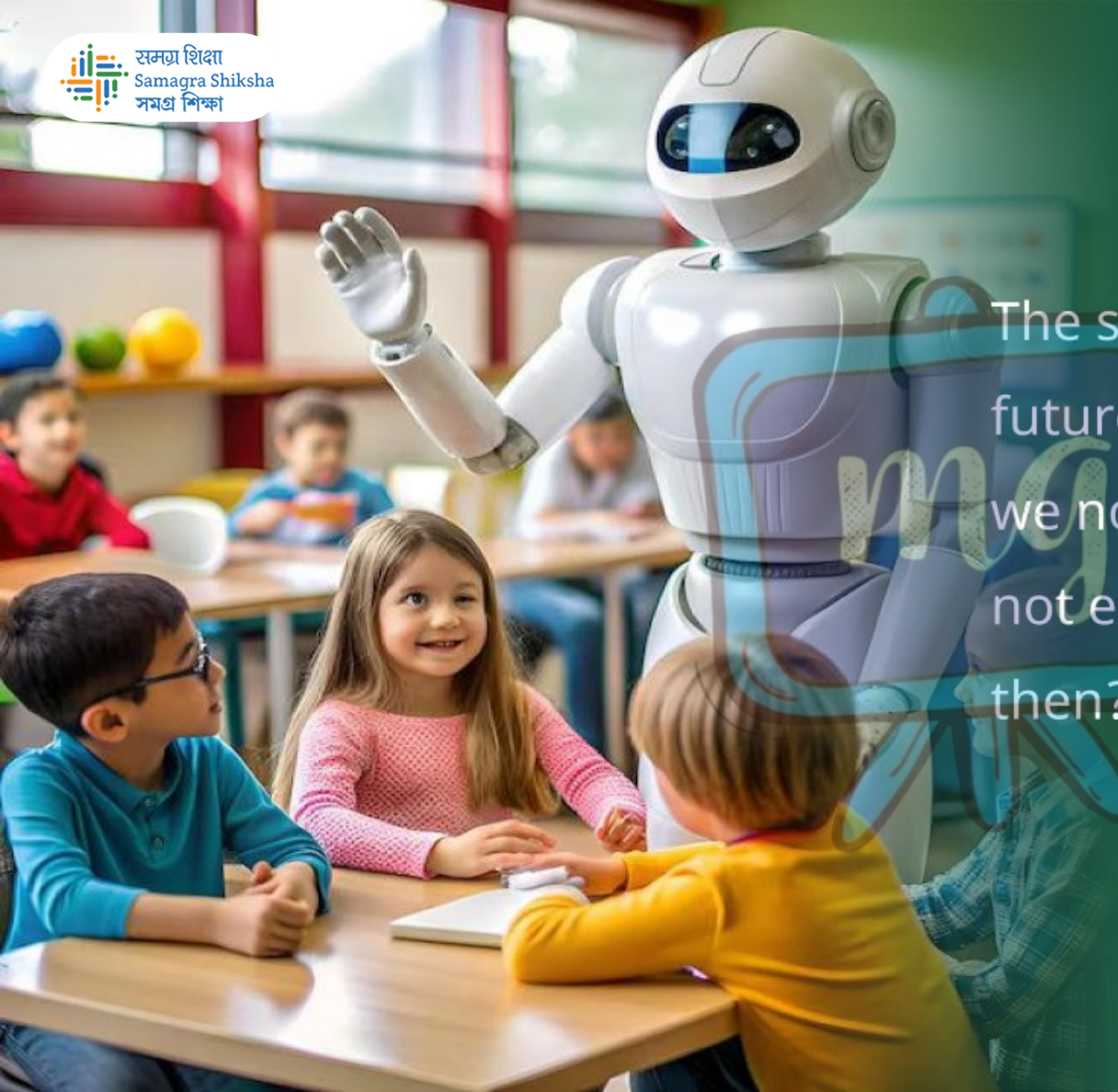
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Isaac Asimov (January 2, 1920– April 6, 1992) was an American writer and considered one of the "Big Three" science fiction writers. “The Fun They Had” is about transformation by technology.

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BEFORE YOU READ

The story we shall read is set in the future, when books and schools as we now know them will perhaps not exist. How will children study then?

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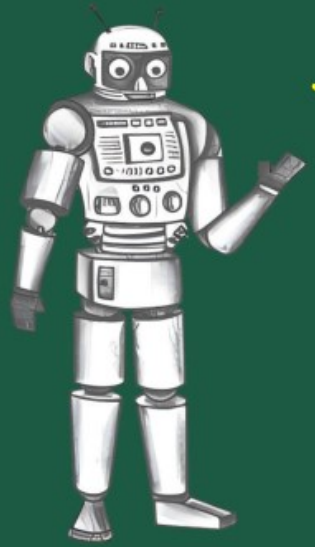
Schools of the Future

Learning through computers



Virtual Classroom





Robotic teacher

Moving e-text



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1. MARGIE even wrote about it that night in her diary. On the page headed 17 May 2157, she wrote, “Today Tommy found a real book!”



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It was a very old book. Margie's grandfather once said that when he was a little boy his grandfather told him that there was a time when all stories were printed on paper. They turned the pages, which were yellow and crinkly, and it was



Crinkly : ভাজ লগা

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awfully funny to read words that stood still instead of moving the way they were supposed to — on a screen, you know. And then when they turned back to the page before, it had the same words on it that it had had when they read it the first time.

Awfully : বহুত বেছি/ মাত্রাধিক



2. “Gee,” said Tommy, “what a waste. When you’re through with the book, you just throw it away, I guess. Our television screen must have had a million books on it and it’s good for plenty more. I wouldn’t throw it away.”

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“Same with mine,” said Margie. She was eleven and hadn’t seen as many tele books as Tommy had. He was thirteen.

She said, “Where did you find it?”

“In my house.” He pointed without looking, because he was busy reading. “In the attic.”

“What’s it about?”

“School.”

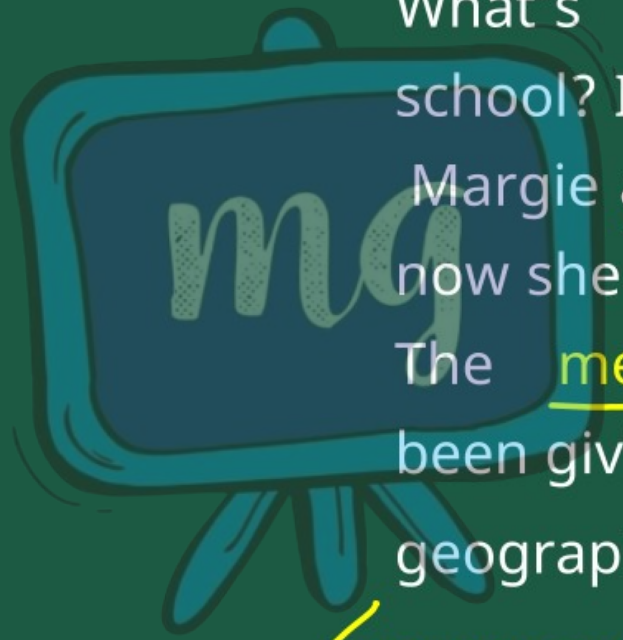
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3. Margie was scornful. “School? What’s there to write about school? I hate school.”

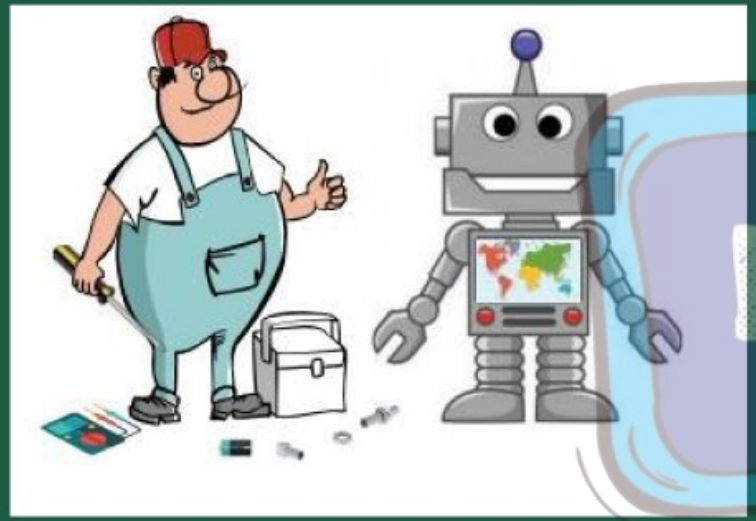
Margie always hated school, but now she hated it more than ever. The mechanical teacher had been giving her test after test in geography and she had been



Scornful : তাচ্ছিল্যপূর্ণ
Mechanical : যান্ত্রিক

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doing worse and worse until her mother had shaken her head sorrowfully and sent for the County Inspector.

4. He was a round little man with a red face and a whole box of tools with dials and wires. He smiled at Margie and gave her an apple, then took the teacher

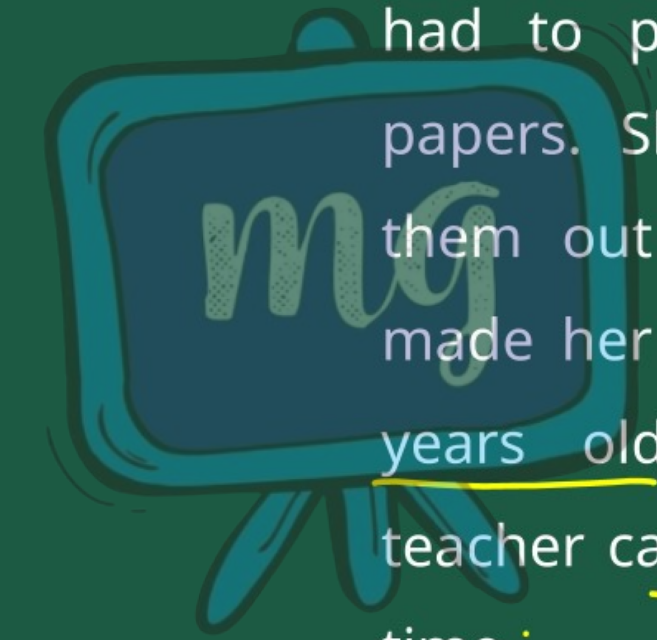
sorrowfully : দুখেৰে

apart. Margie had hoped he wouldn't know how to put it together again, but he knew how all right, and, after an hour or so, there it was again, large and black and ugly, with a big screen on which all the lessons were shown and the questions were asked. That wasn't so bad. The part Margie

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hated most was the slot where she had to put homework and test papers. She always had to write them out in a punch code they made her learn when she was six years old, and the mechanical teacher calculated the marks in no time.



Slot : ঠাই

ASSESSMENT



1 How old was Margie ?

A 10 Years

B 11 Years

C 12 Years

D 13 Years

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2 What did Tommy find?

A A robotic teacher

B County Inspector

C A real book

D Telebook

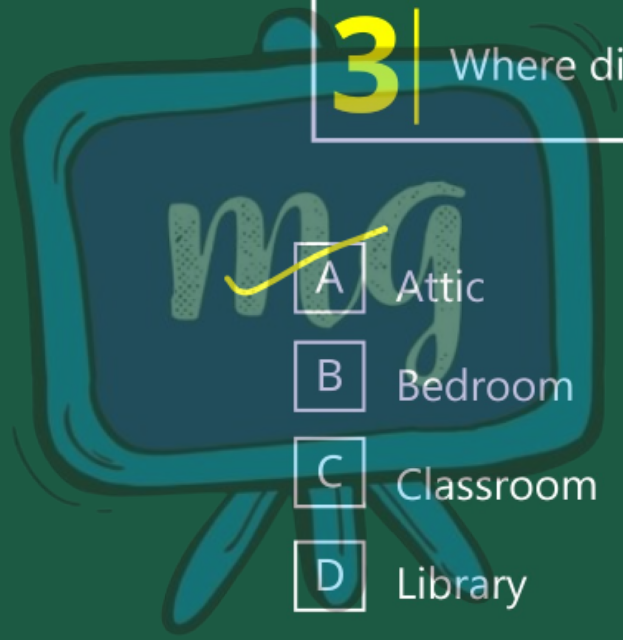
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3 Where did Tommy find the real book?



A Attic

B Bedroom

C Classroom

D Library