

# Let Me Out!

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## Before reading

- Look at the cover. What can you see? What do you think the book is about?
- When does someone say 'Let me out!?'
  - When they are outside the door of a room and want to come in?
  - When they are inside somewhere (e.g. a room) or something (e.g. a box) and they don't want to be there?
  - When they don't want to do an activity with other people (e.g. play a game)?
- Look at *People in the story* on page 4. Write short answers to the questions.
  - What is the dog's name?
  - Who makes robots?
  - Is Nolan a robot?
  - Who has the money?
  - Is Mr Peters 30?
- Look at the picture on page 5. Answer the questions.
  - Who is the man in the picture?
  - What can you see on the floor? Name three things.
  - What is on the sofa?
  - What is behind John on the right?

## Check your reading

### CHAPTER 1

- Read the first two pages. Who is telling the story, John or Nolan the Robot?
- Look at the picture on page 6. What can you see?
- What does Nolan say on page 7 that tells you he has a mind of his own and is not completely controlled by John?
- How does Nolan get his name?

### CHAPTER 2

- What illustration can you see on page 9?
- How does Nolan feel about John's apartment? What three adjectives does he use to describe it.
- What work does Nolan do for John?
- How does Nolan open and shut the doors and windows?
- What does Nolan feel about Sam, the dog?

### CHAPTER 3

- True or false?
  - Sam is afraid of Nolan.
  - Nolan is part of John's family.
  - John thinks robots can't feel.
  - Nolan can't feel.
  - John thinks Sam is interesting.
  - Nolan likes Sam.
  - Nolan wants Sam to go away.
  - John has lots of friends.
- What do you think Nolan will do?

### CHAPTER 4

- Look at the picture on page 18. What is Nolan doing? What happens when he does this?
- Who says these things to whom?
  - 'Nolan can do anything.'
  - 'Clean the apartment.'
  - 'This is very interesting.'
  - 'Stop!'
  - 'Why are you laughing?'
  - 'Now I'm going to make the coffee.'
- Why is Nolan angry? What is he going to do?

### CHAPTER 5

- Put the events in the correct order.
  - Nolan opens the window.
  - Nolan tells John that Sam is dirty and must go.
  - John leaves the apartment.
  - John tells Nolan there's something wrong with him.
  - John brings Sam back to the apartment.
  - Nolan gets the box of cookies.
  - Nolan tells John that he must die.
  - Sam goes out of the window.
- How does John feel about Sam? How do you know?

### CHAPTER 6

- Where does John take Sam?
- What does Nolan do to the bathroom door?
- Why does Nolan close the faucet?
- What does John say to Nolan to try to get out of the bathroom?
- Why does Nolan say John must die?
- How long does Nolan wait before he opens the bathroom door?
- What problem does Nolan have after John is dead?
- What is Nolan doing in the last picture?

## After reading

Choose some of these activities.

1. Did the story frighten you? Why/why not?
2. Do you think something like this can really happen?
3. Imagine you are Mr Peters and you just met Nolan today. Tell your wife all about Nolan. Write what you say.
4. You are Sam. Write down what you think about Nolan.
5. Choose four pictures in the book and write a sentence describing each one.
6. Look at these adjectives from the story.  
happy great famous rich small nice dirty flat  
wrong big afraid bad sad interesting funny  
good clean angry new
  - a Which of them describe feelings?
  - b Now use one of the 'feelings' adjectives in a different sentence about yourself (e.g. I feel happy when . . .).
7. You have a robot. What do you want it to do? Write down your ideas.
8. Do a drawing of a robot and label the different parts to show what they do.
9. Why is the story called *Let me out!*?