



- 1** Congratulations on downloading our 2023 Once Upon a Robot Entry Pack! Now it's time to unleash your creativity to write an original robot story.
- 2** **Write your robot story** in your preferred word processing software.

Your robot tale needs to be about **800 words** long and can be in any genre you like (e.g action, thriller, comedy, mystery). Make sure you include a beginning, middle and an end.

Top Tip: Try writing a first draft, leaving it for a few days and then re-reading what you wrote. It'll help you make your final story much better!

- 3** **Give your robot story a title** that will grab the reader's attention.
- 4** **Complete our online entry form** and upload your story.

Enter your robot story in the competition by the deadline of the **23rd April 2023**.



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Terms and Conditions: **1.** Entries to the Once Upon a Robot competition are open from 10th January to 23rd April 2023. **2.** To enter, children must be born between 1st September 2011 and 31st August 2015 and residing in the United Kingdom. **3.** Entries must be submitted via our online form (www.ukras.org.uk/school-robot-competition/write/enter) by 23:59 BST on the 23rd April 2023. **4.** Stories longer than 900 words (not including the title) or shorter than 400 words will not be considered. Hand written entries will not be accepted. **5.** Entries must be submitted as a word processing document (e.g. .txt, .doc, .docx, .odt, .rtf). PDF entries will not be accepted. **6.** Entries will be scored, by an independent judging panel, on: the creativity of the story; the clarity of the narrative; and the inclusion of an exciting plot twist. **7.** By entering, you grant permission to the EPSRC UK-RAS Network to use your submitted story, name, and age in promotional materials both online and in print. **8.** Winners will be invited to a virtual award ceremony on the 22nd June 2023 as part of the UK Festival of Robotics. **9.** The UK-RAS Network will cover UK travel costs for the competition winner, a friend, and up to two parents / guardians to visit the Extreme Robotics Laboratory in Birmingham, up to a maximum value of £250 (subject to the presentation of suitable receipts).