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English handout 8th grade

Name:	Grade: 8º
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Objetivo: Demostrar comprensión de textos no literarios (como	
descripciones, artículos de revista, instrucciones,	
procedimientos, avisos publicitarios, emails, diálogos, páginas	
web, biografías, gráficos) al identificar: Propósito o finalidad	
del texto. Ideas generales, información específica y detalles.	
Relaciones de secuencia, causa-efecto y condición entre ideas y	
diferencia hecho-opinión. Palabras y frases clave, expresiones	
de uso frecuente y vocabulario temático	

Kirobo the robot

a. Read the text (Lee el texto)

Kirobo the robot was exposed to zero gravity	before being blasted into space. Its
destination: the International Space Station.	

The tiny **android** has been sent into **orbit** as a companion for Japan's human space traveller.

Its creator says Kirobo's most important **skill** is that it can **mimic** human emotions. He wants its sense of **compassion** to help lonely astronauts during their stay in space.

b. Write down the meaning of the following words and add the ones you don't know.(Escribe el significado de las palabras y agrega las que tu no conoces)

1. Blasted:
2. Android:
3. Orbit:
4. Mimic:
5. Skill:
6. Compassion:
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c. Use	your dictionary and translate the text. (Usa tu diccionario y traduce el texto)
	e one of the words or phrases below to complete each of these sentences news reports. (Utiliza las palabras del recuadro y complete los parrafos.)
	*Note that you may have to change the form of a word to complete the sentence correctly.
	blasted / android / orbit / mimic / compassion
	1. The European Space Agency (Esa) is celebrating the 10th anniversary of its Mars Express mission. Launched on 2 June 2003, the probe went into around the Red Planet in the December of that year.
	2. "All I can say is it makes you proud to be a human being when people show that kind of"
	3. A Chinese rocket carrying a probe destined for the Moon has into space. A Long March 3C rocket with the Chang'e-2 probe took off from Xichang launch centre at about 1100 GMT.
	4. The story of on the silver screen cannot pass without mention of three contemporary classics: The replicants rebelling against their preprogrammed demise in Blade Runner (1982); Arnold Schwarzenegger's guntoting turn as 2029-vintage cyborg in The Terminator (1984); and Peter Weller as officer Alex J Murphy's alter ego in the dystopic Detroit of RoboCop (1987).
	5. A diabetes pill has anti-ageing effects and extends the life of male mice, research suggests. Scientists believe the drug, metformin, may the effects of extreme calorie restriction.