

# The robot hotel that fired its robots

Have you ever seen a robot dinosaur?

## Vocabulary

1. broke down    2. replaced    3. snoring    4. realised    5. assist    6. failed

## True Story

Henn-na Hotel in Japan opened in 2015 as the world's first hotel run mainly by robots. Guests were checked in by robot dinosaurs, and a robot named Churi-chan was placed in every room to \_\_\_\_\_ with basic tasks like turning on lights and setting alarms.

However, the robots didn't always work well. One man said that his \_\_\_\_\_ activated Churi-chan during the night, and she kept waking him up, thinking he was giving commands. Other robots \_\_\_\_\_ to understand guests or \_\_\_\_\_ completely.

Eventually, the hotel \_\_\_\_\_ over half of its 243 robots with human staff. It \_\_\_\_\_ that while robots are interesting, they can't replace good human service.

## Quiz

1. When did Henn-na Hotel open?
2. What kind of robots checked in guests?
3. What was the name of the robot in each room?
4. How many robots were replaced with human staff?

## True or False

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| 1. The hotel was run entirely by robots.                    | True   False |
| 2. Churi-chan helped with basic tasks like setting alarms.  | True   False |
| 3. The hotel replaced over half of its robots with monkeys. | True   False |

## Conversation

- A: Welcome to Henn-na Hotel! I'm your check-in dinosaur.  
 B: Wow, a dinosaur! This is amazing!  
 A: Thank you! Do you need help with anything else?  
 B: Yes, please! Can you tell Churi-chan not to wake me up at night?  
 A: I'll try, but she can be a bit stubborn!  
 B: Haha, I hope she listens this time!

## Discussion

1. Have you ever stayed in a hotel?
2. Would you like a robot to help you in a hotel room? Why or why not?
3. Do you think robots will replace people in the future?
4. What job would you like a robot to do for you?
5. Do you like science fiction movies? What are your favourites?