

Beep Boop... Are You Crying or Laughing? Answer Key

1. Robot's Observation: "The kid jumping up and down after losing the game must be super excited!"

Real Emotion: Frustration or disappointment.

Why the Robot Got It Wrong: The robot noticed jumping and movement but didn't understand that people sometimes move or shout when they're upset, not excited. It confused *energy* with *joy*.

2. Robot's Observation: "The woman frowning while holding a gold trophy must be angry that she won!"

Real Emotion: Sadness or guilt.

Why the Robot Got It Wrong: The robot saw a frown and assumed anger, but the woman might feel sad or conflicted - maybe she feels bad for someone who lost, or she's overwhelmed. The robot doesn't understand complex or mixed emotions.

3. Robot's Observation: "The man laughing loudly at a funeral must be having the best day ever!"

Real Emotion: Nervousness, grief, or discomfort.

Why the Robot Got It Wrong: The robot doesn't realize that people sometimes laugh when they feel nervous or sad. It only associates laughter with fun, not as a reaction to tension or sorrow.

4. Robot's Observation: "The girl sitting quietly in her room must be bored, because she isn't smiling."

Real Emotion: Thoughtfulness or sadness.

Why the Robot Got It Wrong: The robot assumes that being quiet means being bored, but people can be calm or still when thinking deeply, daydreaming, or feeling sad. It doesn't understand subtle body language.