



Superbot Saves the Day

We interrupt this TV programme to bring you a very important news flash! Mad Martian has attempted to destroy the Earth! I repeat: DESTROY the Earth! Our very own robo-reporter was at the scene in space. He says an alien villain was trying to freeze the Sun – which is the source of all life on Earth!

Luckily, without a moment to spare, Superbot (Earth's greatest hero) came to the rescue! Do you want to know how he saved the day? Here's what happened next!

Q1: What did Mad Martian want to destroy? Tick **one**.

☐ Earth

☐ Earth's hero

☐ Superbot

☐ a TV programme



Q2: What was Mad Martian trying to do to the Sun?

Q3: Why is it lucky that Superbot came to the rescue?



Somewhere in Space

"Mad Martian! Stop!" yelled Superbot as he sped towards the galaxy's number one criminal.

"Leave me alone! The Sun is a great big meany!" Mad Martian screamed, spinning round in his purple-coloured space suit, his three eyes looking wild.

"What are you talking about?" Superbot said, "Have you been eating too many chocolates again?" His silver armour was shining in the Sun's rays.

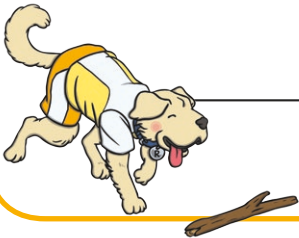
"Arrrggh!" Mad Martian shrieked. "Don't talk to me about chocolates! They are my darlings! My treasures! My true loves! And this monster killed them!"

"Er, okaaaay," Superbot replied.

"We were having a lovely picnic and then this bully went and melted little Choccie-Truffle and his friends! Now I'll have my revenge! Mwah-ha-ha-ha!" Mad Martian turned to the Sun and great streaks of blue ice-lightning exploded from his spacesuit tentacles.



Q4: What colour was Mad Martian's spacesuit?

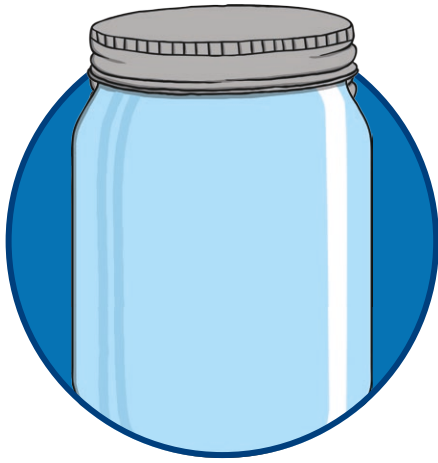


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"Wait!" Superbot yelled, "It's the Sun. It's not alive. Being hot is what it does. If you destroy the Sun, you'll destroy the whole solar system and Earth along with it!"

"That's the idea, Superbutt!" Mad Martian cackled, "and there's nothing you can do to stop me!"

"Mad Martian!" Superbot said. "I know Choccie-Truffle meant a lot to you but..."

"Choccie was my friend!" Mad Martian screamed, as a huge bolt of ice-lightning blasted from his suit.

Superbot had an idea. "You know it's reversible, right?" he called out.

"What?!"

"Melting chocolate!" Superbot explained. "It's reversible! All you need to do is cool Choccie-Truffle and he'll be alive... I mean, chocolate again!"

The strange alien stopped firing at the Sun and pulled out a see-through jar full of brown liquid.

"That's it," Superbot said. "Now think, what could you do to change him back?"

Q7: What was the brown liquid in Mad Martian's jar?



Q8: What could Mad Martian do to get Choccie-Truffle back?



Q9: Put the following statements in the order that they appear in the text.
The first one has been done for you.

- ☐ Superbot has an idea.
- ☐ Mad Martian pulled out a jar of brown liquid.
- ☐ Superbot tells Mad Martian to stop.
- ☐ Superbot says that the Sun is not alive.
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- ☒ Earth
- ☐ Superbot
- ☐ Earth's hero
- ☐ a TV programme

Q2: What was Mad Martian trying to do to the Sun?

He is trying to freeze the Sun.

Q3: Why is it lucky that Superbot came to the rescue?

If Superbot had not come to the rescue, the Earth would have been destroyed and everyone could have died.

Q4: What colour was Mad Martian's spacesuit?

purple

Q5: Find and copy three words that the author has used instead of 'said'.

Accept any three of the following:

- **yelled**
- **screamed**
- **shrieked**
- **replied**

Q6: How is Mad Martian feeling in this part of the text? Explain your answer.

Accept any answer which discusses that the Mad Martian feels angry, enraged, furious or upset, as long as a relevant justification from the text is given to explain the answer.

E.g.

- **The Mad Martian was feeling angry because the Sun had melted Choccie-Truffle and his friends.**
- **The Mad Martian was enraged because his picnic was ruined when the Sun melted his chocolate.**

Q7: What was the brown liquid in Mad Martian's jar?

melted chocolate

Q8: What could Mad Martian do to get Choccie-Truffle back?

Accept any reasonable prediction which involves Mad Martian cooling the liquid so that it turns back into a solid.

E.g.

- **Go back to Earth and put the chocolate in a fridge.**
- **Use his ice-lightning powers to cool down the chocolate and turn it back into a solid.**
- **Move the chocolate into the shade and out of the Sun.**

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