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   - CD
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   - CX
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   - S
5. The robot can also sort objects, but it cannot count. 
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6. Morgan and Riley cannot wait until it is time for the competition. 
   - S
7. They named their robot Rowdy, and painted it gold. 
   - S
8. When the competition is over, Rowdy will be kept in Mr. Blake’s science class. 
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9. Mr. Blake is in charge of the engineering club. 
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