

Moving 'Mecha'

- 9** A huge robot has been filmed showing off its
13 moves in Yokohama, Japan.
22 The 60ft 'mecha' robot was seen walking forward,
30 taking a knee and even pointing up to the sky.
41 It's a copy of a famous robotic suit from a cartoon
45 called Mobile Suit Gundam.
53 Engineers began building it six years ago. They
64 had to make sure that every piece they made was as
75 light as possible. This was to allow it to move and to
83 stop it buckling under its own weight.
93 After taking so long to build, we hope this replica
103 mecha will be a 'massive' hit with visitors when it
106 does finally open.



Answers

1. Why did each piece have to be made as light as possible?
Accept either to allow it to move or to stop it from buckling under its own weight.
2. How long has it taken to build the robot?
6 years
3. In the sentence: **It's a copy of a famous robotic suit from a cartoon called Mobile Suit Gundam.** Which of following words **could not** be used as an alternative for **copy**?
 - replica
 - model
 - imitation
 - original**
4. In the final paragraph, why do you think the author used the group of words: **a 'massive' hit with visitors** ?
Accept any reasonable answer which refers to the play on words of using massive to describe the size of the attraction's success and its physical size, e.g. because the robot is massive and they hope it will be a big success.

Huge 'Mecha' Tests Out Moves in Japan

- 9 A huge robot has been caught on camera showing
15 off its moves in Yokohama, Japan.
- 22 The awe-inspiring 60ft robot was seen walking
30 forward, taking a knee and even pointing up
33 to the sky.
- 43 It's a replica of a famous robotic suit from a
50 cartoon called Mobile Suit Gundam. The 18-metre
59 high 'mecha' will be the centrepiece of a tourist
60 attraction.
- 69 Work began in 2014 and engineers had to make
79 sure that every piece they made was as light as
91 possible. This was to allow it to move and to stop it
96 buckling under its own weight.
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116 'mecha' will be a 'massive' hit with visitors when it
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Answers

1. Why did each piece have to be made as light as possible?
Accept either to allow it to move or to stop it from buckling under its own weight.
2. In the second paragraph, which word gives you an impression of what the author thinks about the robot?
awe-inspiring
3. Find and copy **one word** from the article used to describe the 'mecha' which means **a copy or model of something**.
replica
4. Write a different headline that summarises this story. Use no more than six words.
Accept an answer which summarises this story in six words or fewer. e.g. Big Robot Walks, Kneels and Points.