



MAKING THE ROBOT WORLD A BETTER PLACE

A majestic inventor and the creator of Big Weld Industries, Bigweld is a very intelligent robot with a kind heart. He has spent his whole life inventing things which can make robots lives better.

Bigweld is Rodney Copperbottom's™ hero. Rodney wants to follow in his idol's footsteps and create life-changing inventions. No matter what other robots think, Rodney works hard on his inventions, determined to become an exceptional inventor.

Like Rodney and Bigweld, Ratchet also wants to make the big city a better place. His plans are not the same as the inventors as he feels that the lives of robots can only be enhanced by upgrading their parts to create a shiny modern robot population. Those who cannot afford upgrades will become 'outmodes' and be taken to the Chop Shop where Madame Gasket dismantles rusty robots.

All three of the robots want to make a difference and believe that their ideas would be the most successful in making the big city a better place to live.

Making decisions and choices

Whose plans do you agree with? Why?

As a whole class, divide into two groups - the **Inventors** and the **Upgrades**.

Discuss with your group why you agree with your character's plans. Think about how the plans will affect the lives of others, the effect on the environment, how fair or unfair the plans are etc.

Hold a class discussion where both groups have the opportunity to put forward their side of the argument.