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Have you ever met a robot with a sense of humor? Julia Taylor and Lawrence Mazlack at the University of Cincinnati didn't think so either and that is why they have come up with a bot "that is able to get a specific type of joke, one whose crux is a simple pun."

They hope that this might give all too-serious robots a sense of humor. On the practical side, robots would be more acceptable if they could chuckle along with us.

They loaded a database of words from a children's dictionary plus examples of usage to teach the robots to identify jokes.

Introduced at the American Association for Artificial Intelligence conference in Vancouver, Canada last week, the robot still missed a few puns, but seems on its way to laughing along with us in the future.

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