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Answer Key: Operation Robot Picnic: Can You Fix the Pre-K Logic Glitches?

Pre-K learners synthesize multi-step instructions and debug complex sequence errors to help a tiny robot pack for a rainy day lunch.

1. The robot is making a sandwich! First, it gets bread. Second, it adds jelly. Third, it gets another bread. What is the fourth step to make it ready to eat?

Answer: B) Press the two pieces of bread together

In an algorithm, the assembly step is required to complete the specific goal of making a sandwich before it can be used.

2. If the robot wants to stay dry in the rain, it should put on its boots AFTER it opens its umbrella.

Answer: B) False

To solve the problem of staying dry efficiently, the robot should put on boots before going out or opening the umbrella to ensure full protection.

3. The robot needs to organize 4 toys into two boxes. If it puts 2 toys in the blue box, how many go in the red box?

Answer: C) Two toys

Decomposing the number 4 into two equal groups of 2 is a foundational step in algorithmic distribution.

4. Oh no! The robot is trying to walk through a closed door. What is the 'bug' in its plan?

Answer: B) The robot forgot the 'Open Door' step

Debugging requires identifying the missing instruction in a sequence that prevents the goal from being reached.

5. To draw a square, the robot draws a line, then turns. It must do this _____ times total to finish the shape.

Answer: D) Four

Executing a repeating loop of 4 steps is the algorithm for creating a closed square shape.

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6. The robot needs to find the biggest apple in a basket. How should it start?

Answer: A) Pick up two apples and compare them

Sorting and selection algorithms thrive on comparing two items to determine which meets the criteria (greatest size).

7. A good robot 'algorithm' for washing hands means putting soap on AFTER drying them with a towel.

Answer: B) False

Logical sequencing is vital; drying is the final step, and putting soap on last would result in a failed outcome (sticky hands).

8. The robot is at a wall and needs to go left. If it keeps walking straight and hits the wall, it needs to _____ its plan.

Answer: B) Debug

When an outcome is unsuccessful, 'debugging' is the process of fixing the instructions to achieve the desired path.

9. The robot must cross a room with puddles. Which plan is the best (most efficient)?

Answer: C) Step over puddles to reach the finish quickly

Efficiency involves choosing the path that reaches the destination safely with the fewest unnecessary actions.

10. To build a tower of 3 blocks, which logic is correct?

Answer: B) Foundation block, Middle block, Top block

Construction algorithms require a bottom-up sequence to maintain the structural integrity of the solution.