

Need a hand?

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No response?

If the display says SLEEPING, say “**Hey wake up.**” Otherwise, give Billy time to finish starting. Say “Hey Billy” again from nearby.

Still stuck?

Open the service console using the steps inside. Send Thomas the error message and what happened just before it. Do not open the case or change wires while powered.

Stop a problem

Click the front button once or use **Software Stop** in the console. If movement continues, switch off the separate motor supply. For heat, odor or damaged wiring, stop using Billy.

Keep with your unit

Private Wi-Fi password: on the supplied label.
Unit / shipment: _____
Confirmed restart method: _____

Meet Billy.

Your offline talking fish

Ask a question. Hear a reply. Watch the mouth move and the little screen update.

No Internet. No venue Wi-Fi. No app to install.

Billy's conversation software runs inside the unit. Your phone is needed only if you want to change volume, check status or troubleshoot.

Start with a greeting

“**Hey Billy, tell me about yourself.**”

If he is sleeping:
“**Hey wake up.**”
Then ask your question.

Open this leaflet for setup and controls.

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Set up in three steps

1 Unpack and place

Lift by the plaque or enclosure. Remove packing from the moving parts. Place Billy securely indoors, keep vents clear, and keep fingers away from the mouth and body.

2 Connect labeled power

Use the supplied/labeled Pi power supply and separate motor-power connection. Keep motor power off until startup is complete and the mechanism is clear. If a connector is loose or unlabeled, ask Thomas first.

3 Let Billy start

Wait for startup. If the screen says SLEEPING, say “**Hey wake up.**” Turn on the labeled motor supply when clear. Say “**Hey Billy**”, then ask one short question. No network setup is needed.

A good first question

“What is phishing?” or “Tell me a fish joke.” Speak clearly, one person at a time, and allow a pause for the answer.

The screen can keep its last image even when power is off. Do not use the image alone to judge whether Billy has finished starting or shutting down.

Talk, pause and get help

Talk and follow up

Say “**Hey Billy**” or face the camera briefly. Ask your question. Follow up without another wake phrase while the session stays open. About 10 seconds of silence returns to standby.

Know the three controls

Stop: one front-button click; allow about a second.

Sleep: “Hey Billy, take a nap.”

Wake from sleep: “Hey wake up.”

Shut down: hold the front button 3 seconds, or click it 3 times quickly. Wait for shutdown before unplugging. Voice wake does not work after shutdown.

Optional phone console

1. Join Wi-Fi **BillyBass-Service** using the private password label.
2. Choose **Stay connected / Use without Internet** if prompted.
3. Open **http://10.42.0.1:8080** in your browser.
4. Wake Billy before tests. Return to your usual Wi-Fi when done.

Use the console’s volume slider for level and Software Stop to cancel work. Keep manual motion tests supervised. Answers can be wrong; verify important information.