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Narrator: Listening Test

Buying a Present

Section 1

You will hear two children, Tania and Victor, discussing their friend Eric's birthday and what present to buy him.

The recording will be played twice. Do as much as you can the first time and answer all the questions the second time.

You have 30 seconds to look at your questions.

[30 sec music]

Listen and answer the questions.

[Tania and Victor are close school friends who often do things together. They are discussing their friend Eric's birthday.]

- {Tania: *[frustrated]* You'll never guess what, Victor! It's Eric's birthday this Tuesday and I still haven't got him a present!
- Victor: *[worried]* Yeah, me neither, Tania. I don't know what to get him.
- Tania: *[relieved]* Phew! I'm glad I'm not the only one! I've been thinking and thinking, but it's really hard!
- Victor: Oh man! We have to get him something cool, Tania. I heard that the new boy who sits next to him is going to give him a really awesome cover for his smartphone. It has a picture of a racing car on it. Eric's only known him for a few weeks!
- Tania: *[nervous]* Seriously? We've been his friends since kindergarten. It's going to look bad if we don't get him a nice present.
- Victor: Hey, I know! Why don't we get him a present together this year?
- Tania: Yeah, that's a great idea! If we put our pocket money together we can get him something cool! So what shall we get him?
- Victor: Well, I don't know! Hmmmm, I know he really likes art. We could get him a set of paint brushes, or maybe some different kinds of paints.
- Tania: He likes animals, too – what about a goldfish, a pet goldfish – they're easy to keep, and they don't take up too much space.
- Victor: He likes board games – he plays with his family, doesn't he? And he –

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Tania: I like the board game idea – what kind of board games does he like?

Victor: Well, I don't really know – I don't play many board games. I lost last time I was playing Eric at a game... Hmm... Let's think of something else.

Tania: Well, the art idea is all right, but I think he probably has a lot of those materials already. I have an idea. I was watching a programme on art recently and the guy on there was teaching how to draw people's facial expressions. It looked quite fun. Could we get him art classes? Hmmmm... too expensive maybe. I'm just thinking... ummmm... something for his guitar? Doesn't he play?

Victor: He did. I'm not sure if he does now. He's more into computers and things like that.

Tania: *[excited]* Well that's it then, isn't it? Victor, you're a genius!

Victor: What do you mean?!

Tania: He likes computers and he likes games. (pause) Let's get him a computer game!

Victor: What a good idea!}

Narrator: Now listen to the recording again.

[repeat recording { }]

You have 30 seconds to check your answers.

[30 sec music]

This is the end of Section 1.