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Narrator: *Listening Test*

Buying a Present

Section 3

Tania and Victor go to the shop to ask the shopkeeper about computer games.

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.

{Shopkeeper: Good afternoon. Can I help you?

Tania: Yes, please. My friend, Victor, and I want to buy a computer game for our friend's 14th birthday. Could you give us some advice?

Shopkeeper: Sure. Do you have a price range?

Tania: Somewhere between 500 and 900 dollars.

Shopkeeper: Does your friend want to be able to play with other people over the Internet?

Tania: You can play other people over the Internet?

Shopkeeper: Oh yes, you can play against people anywhere.

Tania: That's fantastic! Do those ones cost more money?

Shopkeeper: In general, yes. The more money you spend, the better the game, and the better the graphics, and the more options you'll get in the game. But that's not to say the cheaper ones aren't fun.

Tania: Alright... I'm not sure whether or not he needs the Internet versions, but we were thinking about racing games, right, Victor?

Victor: Yeah, car racing games in particular.

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- Shopkeeper: Well, we have a lot of those. For a cheap option, I could suggest this – “Crazy Racers” – it’s a fun game, cartoony graphics. You can’t connect with other people over the Internet, but it does have a two-player option.
- Tania: The cartoon cars look really cute!
- Shopkeeper: Then, for 800 dollars, we have “Overhaul 3” – it’s not actually cars – it’s with lorries racing other lorries – but it’s amazing – you can do a lot of things with the lorries that you can’t do with cars.
- Victor: It looks really exciting! It’s fun to watch your lorry bumping other lorries off the road!
- Shopkeeper: If you can pay a bit more, you could try “Turbo Wheels 2” – this has amazing graphics and it’s brand new. It’s selling really fast. “Overhaul 3” sold faster when it came out, but this is what everyone is playing now.
- Tania: Can you play over the Internet on the last two?
- Shopkeeper: Yes, you can.
- Victor: They look cool. Don’t you think, Tania?
- Tania: Yeah, they look awesome. That highest priced one looks the best... I think because it’s so new, it’s really expensive. We can’t afford it. I bet if we waited a few months, the price would come down.
- Victor: But Eric’s birthday is on the coming Tuesday.
- Tania: [Disappointed] Yeah, that’s true. What do you think then? How much was that first one?
- Shopkeeper: 450 dollars.
- Victor: 450?
- Shopkeeper: Yes.
- Tania: Hmmmm. Can you decide?
- Victor: I’m not sure. I think we’ll need to think about it a bit.

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Tania: Okay, thank you very much for that. We'll be back!

Shopkeeper: No problem at all. See you soon.}

Narrator: *Now listen to the recording again.*

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You have 30 seconds to check your answers.

[30 sec music]

This is the end of Section 3.