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**Текст для аудирования**  
**БИЛЕТ № 2**

*knobs and switches – переключатели*

Mr. Robinson had been thinking about it for a long time. Could he afford it or couldn't he? His wife wanted a new washing machine, though he couldn't see what was wrong with the old one. So he knew she would make a fuss about him spending money on "expensive luxuries". On the other hand, if he waited much longer, prices would go up again and he would be even less able to afford it. He had studied the catalogues and had a clear idea of what he wanted. All right, he would do it: he would buy himself a good record player!

So the next Saturday morning he walked into his local radio shop and was greeted by a smooth-looking gentleman in a smart suit. Mr. Robinson explained that he wanted to buy a record player – nothing too expensive but good enough to play records with a good quality sound.

The salesman smiled in a superior way and led Mr. Robinson to several shelves of shining record players. Mr. Robinson was shocked when he looked at the prices. The salesman started a highly technical explanation of their new equipment, none of which Mr. Robinson could follow. Mr. Robinson hesitantly interrupted him and asked if there was perhaps something a little cheaper he could look at. The salesman made some biting remark about sound quality and took his customer to a part of the shop where there were a lot of boxes with knobs and switches. He waved at them, said they were all just the same and left Mr. Robinson to choose the most impressive looking box.

Mr. Robinson parted with 80 pounds, looked regretfully at the shelves of shining equipment he couldn't afford, and went home to face his wife.

**Key**

		True	False	Not stated
1	Mr. Robinson had been thinking about buying a good record player since he had seen a friend's record player.			+
2	He knew his wife would disapprove of the idea and would rather spend the money on a new washing machine	+		
3	He thought there was nothing wrong with their old washing machine.	+		
4	Mr. Robinson didn't want to wait any longer because now he knew exactly what he wanted.		+	
5	He decided to go to his local radio shop which he believed was good and big enough to provide a good choice.			+
6	The salesman had a nice friendly manner.		+	
7	He failed to understand the salesman's explanations so he asked him to show him some older models.		+	
8	The salesman lost all interest in Mr. Robinson and left him alone among the boxes with knobs and switched.	+		
9	Mr. Robinson spent hours choosing the most impressive looking box.			+

10	He left the shop satisfied with his purchase and was ready to face his wife.		+	
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