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| **Tiếng Anh 8 i-Learn Smart World - Kiểm tra cuối kỳ 2 Time allotted: 60 minutes** |

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| **PART 6** | **LISTENING** |

**33 - 37**

I have a new robot. I call it Robbie because he looks like a boy. My last one, Bobbie, looked like a girl. Robbie is much better than Bobbie. He can go all over the house, even up to my bedroom. He’s slow, but he can do it. Bobbie stayed downstairs all the time. I ask Robbie to take my computer case and all my big files upstairs when I get home. I’m really tired after carrying the stuff all the way from the bus stop.
  
  
I talk to Robbie all the time, but he doesn’t answer. He can’t talk. The computer shop had some robots that could speak, but they were very expensive. Bobbie could say a few words. Well, I said, ‘Hello Bobbie. How are you?’ and she said, ‘Fine thanks!’ But I miss those little conversations. She was more like a friend than a robot. She knew the names of all my family and friends, too, so she had a few words with each person when they came to the house.
  
  
The best thing about Robbie is that I can give him instructions before I go to work, and I know that he will go around and do everything in the kitchen, the sitting room, the bathroom, and even out into the garden if the flowers need water.

**38 - 42**

Girl: Do your people have many traditions?
  
Boy: My people?
  
Girl: Well, we come from two different ethnic groups, don’t we? But I don’t know anything about yours.
  
Boy: Same here.
  
Girl: OK. So let’s ask and answer! You start.
  
Boy: Right. Do you have a special ceremony when children become adults?
  
Girl: Yes. It happens at 16 for girls. There’s a party, and your father gives you a pair of women’s shoes to put on. Then … you’re a woman.
  
Boy: What about boys?
  
Girl: Maybe it’s the same age, or younger, but I don’t think shoes are part of the ceremony. My turn. Do people in your ethnic group believe in tree gods and river gods and so on?
  
Boy: People believed that in the past. Some of the older people still do in the villages a long way from the cities. But not my parents, or even their parents. OK. Next question, what do you do at New Year?
  
Girl: We have a party, of course, but we also have a strange custom. The first person to enter your house in the new year brings good luck or bad luck for the next year.
  
Boy: Oh, dear! What sort of person brings good luck? A beautiful woman or a handsome man? Or someone wearing green, perhaps?
  
Girl: A dark-haired man. A woman with light hair is unlucky.

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