

## **Tapescript BW 3.7 Listening 3**

Hello, my name is Amanda Treadaway and my company is a large multinational with its headquarters in London. It's quite an old company dating back to about 1815 - you may have heard of it; Waterloo Public Limited Company or Waterloo, plc. Our main areas of interest are construction and engineering. We have a turnover of 15 million US dollars. I joined in 1997 after I've finished my MSC in environmental engineering. My work is with the Brent Group and undersea oil exploration. The work is either in Europe or East Asia. The Brent Group Division has a turnover of 2.5 million. The other divisions are rather different with the exception of Waterloo Asia which is mainly active in construction and electronics all over Asia. Their turnover is 7.5m. The most diverse company is Rabjohn and Clarke. They do two things. They construct papermills from scratch - that is they set up the site and build the whole thing - mainly in China and Indonesia although they began in the UK. Now they've added a new activity - constructing recycling plants - a special factory where waste paper is recycled. This is our excellent innovation - something new and friendly towards the environment. Their combined turnover is 3.5m. The King Brothers Company makes automated control systems with a turnover of 2m. The systems are set up all over the world. Last, there's Pemberley and Sons who build low cost housing. They've just won an award - a gold medal for good design and low cost. Their turnover is 1.4m. It's an interesting company to work for and there is a good research and design division which I am joining next month.

### **Pronunciation Spot**

— construction — tion — struction — construction —

— engineering — neering — engineering —

— exploration — loration — exploration —

— divisions — visions — divisions —

— recycling — cling — cycling — recycling —

— automated — mated — automated —

### **Here is a useful set of words.**

1. construct — construction —
2. engine — engineer — engineering —
3. explain — explanation —

## Listening to Mini Dialogue

### Dialogue 1

**Bankteller:** Good morning. Can I help you.

**Customer:** Yes please, I want to buy some foreign currency - Australian dollars.

**Bankteller:** How much would you like?

**Customer:** \$500 Australian.

**Bankteller:** How will you be paying?

**Customer:** Please debit my account. Here's the number.

**Bankteller:** Thank you. Please wait a minute..... ..... Please sign here. Thank you.  
How would you like the money?

**Customer:** In hundreds and fifties please.

**Bankteller:** I can give you three one hundred notes, and four fifties.

**Customer:** That's fine, thank you.

**Bankteller:** Not at all.

### Dialogue 2

**Tour Guide:** Now this is Stanley Market where people come from all over the world to buy clothes. Mostly silk, of course.

**Tourist:** Are the prices fixed or can we bargain? I'm not very good at bargaining.

**Tour Guide:** Well, a lot of places have fixed prices but I can get you a special deal at a couple of shops.

**Tourist:** I'll see if they've got anything I want first. Do they take travellers' cheques?

**Tour Guide:** Some do and there's a Hong Kong Bank round the corner where you can change your money.

**Tourist:** Ok. Let's go and see what we can find!

**Dialogue 3**

**Student Customer:** Could you tell me when the next Japanese elementary course begins?

**Information Assistant:** Next month.

**Student Customer:** Next month, when exactly?

**Information Assistant:** 25th.

**Student Customer:** Is the class full?

**Information Assistant:** Just a minute. No, there are some places left.

**Student Customer:** Well, how do I join?

**Information Assistant:** Fill in this form, go to the 3rd floor, take a test and pay the fee and register.

**Student Customer:** Oh! I see. Thank you!