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PART 1

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Narrator: Welcome to the Tate Modern. This recorded message will give you information about visiting times, ticket prices, and some special features the gallery offers. The Tate Modern is open Sunday to Thursday from 10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. and on Friday and Saturday from 10.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m. Admission is free except for special exhibitions. Visitors are advised to come to the gallery on foot or by public transport. Parking around the Tate Modern is restricted and reservations for parking spaces must be made in advance. There are two main entrances to the gallery: the river entrance which is reached via the river walkway, and the main entrance which is on Holland Street. The gallery can be accessed via stairs, lifts, and escalators. There are toilets on each floor and there's a cloakroom on Level 1 where you can leave coats or bags. The Tate boat service runs every 40 minutes between the Tate Modern and Tate Britain galleries. A single ticket costs £3.35, but there are family discounts for two adults with two children. You can book all tickets to the gallery online at our website by visiting www.moderntate.org.uk where you can also find more information on the latest exhibitions. Enjoy your visit to the Tate.

PART 2

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Narrator: eBay is the world's biggest online shopping centre where you can buy or sell almost anything you want. With approximately 84 million users online across the world, eBay has significantly changed internet commerce and our shopping habits in general. It all started in 1995 when Pierre Omidyar, a computer programmer, wrote the code for an auction website from his home computer. You can now buy anything on eBay, from special collector's items, to a car, or a computer. The advantages for consumers are clear. eBay provides an open market where the cost of the things you buy and sell are dictated by individual people. It also shows us what items and objects people want to buy most at any point in time. Shoppers on eBay are protected by the company's service agreement. This means that customers can report anyone who tries to sell something illegal or in bad condition. However, there have been some criticisms of the company. In 1999, a man offered to sell one of his own organs online and psychologists have also highlighted the dangers of getting addicted to 24-hour shopping. Despite this, eBay continues to expand and now includes PayPal, a safe, fast, and easy way to send or receive payments of money online, and Skype, a communications company which offers free voice and video telephone. The future of the company looks bright as more and more people join the online shopping revolution.