Knocks Behind the Wall

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Part 1 — Fill the gaps while you listen

1. Dear Mia, the tapping behind your bedroom wall may have a _____ cause.
2. You say it begins late, but only after _____ uses hot water.
3. At first, I blamed the _____ because it clicked as well.
4. Then one night, I heard three knocks after the _____ shower stopped.
5. The next morning, the tapping _____ when my neighbor washed dishes.
6. A warm water pipe was moving _____ a wooden support inside the wall.
7. Record the sound and note when it happens before _____ your landlord.
8. Your _____ can ask a plumber to secure the pipe before the noise gets worse.
9. _____ ours was fixed, we have slept well again.

Part 2 — Write every sentence you hear

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____

Answer key

Part 1 — the missing words

1. surprising 2. someone 3. radiator 4. upstairs 5. returned 6. against 7. contacting 8. landlord 9. Since

Part 2 — the full transcript

1. Dear Mia, the tapping behind your bedroom wall may have a surprising cause.
2. You say it begins late, but only after someone uses hot water.
3. At first, I blamed the radiator because it clicked as well.
4. Then one night, I heard three knocks after the upstairs shower stopped.
5. The next morning, the tapping returned when my neighbor washed dishes.
6. A warm water pipe was moving against a wooden support inside the wall.
7. Record the sound and note when it happens before contacting your landlord.
8. Your landlord can ask a plumber to secure the pipe before the noise gets worse.
9. Since ours was fixed, we have slept well again.

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