The Crooked Café Chair

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Part 1 — Fill the gaps while you listen

1. One café chair was warm and crooked before anyone _____ the door.
2. The owner _____ the heater, which had been off all night.
3. Then she _____ a faint scrape beside the chair each morning.
4. She _____ it, but by dawn it leaned crookedly again.
5. That _____, she stayed late and watched from the dark kitchen.
6. _____ entered, yet a slow creak came from beneath the floor.
7. She _____ the sound and found a heating pipe under the boards.
8. A timer _____ the heating on shortly before opening.
9. The pipe warmed one chair leg, then _____, nudging the chair crooked with a scrape.

Part 2 — Write every sentence you hear

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

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Answer key

Part 1 — the missing words

1. unlocked 2. checked 3. noticed 4. straightened 5. evening 6. Nothing 7. followed 8. switched 9. expanded

Part 2 — the full transcript

1. One café chair was warm and crooked before anyone unlocked the door.
2. The owner checked the heater, which had been off all night.
3. Then she noticed a faint scrape beside the chair each morning.
4. She straightened it, but by dawn it leaned crookedly again.
5. That evening, she stayed late and watched from the dark kitchen.
6. Nothing entered, yet a slow creak came from beneath the floor.
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8. A timer switched the heating on shortly before opening.
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