The Early Ferry

B1 Intermediate · Food · about 2 min of audio

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Name _____ Date _____

Part 1 — Fill the gaps while you listen

1. The dough was still rising when the ferry horn _____ before dawn.
2. Our bakery had _____ warm rolls, but its electric oven had failed.
3. Worse, the ferry arrived an hour early, with hungry _____ waiting.
4. Behind the bakery stood a brick _____ bread oven, unused for years.
5. We could bake there, but first we had to clear its _____.
6. We lit dry sticks inside, then waited until the flames _____.
7. The first tray _____ too quickly, and smoke curled around us.
8. I pulled it out and swept the _____ coals to the back.
9. The _____ stored heat baked the next tray slowly and evenly.
10. The _____ got warm rolls, and we have kept that oven ready.

Part 2 — Write every sentence you hear

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

Answer key

Part 1 — the missing words

1. sounded 2. promised 3. passengers 4. outdoor 5. chimney 6. settled 7. browned 8. glowing 9. oven's 10. passengers

Part 2 — the full transcript

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