The Evening Wall

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Name _____ Date _____

Part 1 — Fill the gaps while you listen

1. Every evening, a quiet _____ wall began tapping exactly three times.
2. The sound faded when she leaned close, then _____ a minute later.
3. She checked the pipes, moved a _____, and called the building manager.
4. He listened _____, but the tapping returned after he left.
5. On Friday, she stayed late and _____ it began at sunset.
6. She _____ off the heating, and the wall fell silent.
7. The next day, she watched the _____ as dusk settled outside.
8. Its timer _____, and warm water rushed through pipes behind the wall.
9. The tapping came from heating pipes _____ whenever the evening timer switched on.

Part 2 — Write every sentence you hear

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

Answer key

Part 1 — the missing words

1. apartment 2. returned 3. bookcase 4. carefully 5. noticed 6. switched 7. thermostat 8. clicked 9. expanding

Part 2 — the full transcript

1. Every evening, a quiet apartment wall began tapping exactly three times.
2. The sound faded when she leaned close, then returned a minute later.
3. She checked the pipes, moved a bookcase, and called the building manager.
4. He listened carefully, but the tapping returned after he left.
5. On Friday, she stayed late and noticed it began at sunset.
6. She switched off the heating, and the wall fell silent.
7. The next day, she watched the thermostat as dusk settled outside.
8. Its timer clicked, and warm water rushed through pipes behind the wall.
9. The tapping came from heating pipes expanding whenever the evening timer switched on.

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