The Library’s Midnight Square

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Name _____ Date _____

Part 1 — Fill the gaps while you listen

1. At midnight, a bright square kept _____ in the locked library's upper window.
2. The _____ checked the building twice, but found no lamps or visitors.
3. Across the _____, I began watching from my office after work.
4. Each night, the square arrived at _____ and vanished within a minute.
5. Nothing moved inside, and the _____ doors stayed locked until morning.
6. One evening, a low engine rattled nearby, and the square _____ twice.
7. After the sound faded, the _____ went dark again.
8. The next night, I waited by the _____ gate and heard that engine.
9. A bakery van's loose cargo lamp _____ in the library glass as it passed.

Part 2 — Write every sentence you hear

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

Answer key

Part 1 — the missing words

1. appearing 2. caretaker 3. courtyard 4. midnight 5. library's 6. flickered 7. window 8. courtyard 9. flickered

Part 2 — the full transcript

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