The Red Thread Marker

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Part 1 — Fill the gaps while you listen

1. The red thread around our flour jar once saved Sunday _____.
2. It began after Mother forgot to buy flour before a _____.
3. She tied thread around the jar to mark her final _____.
4. The shop closed early, so pancakes _____ from Sunday's plan.
5. _____, she kept it at one cup's height after each shopping trip.
6. Years later, the thread showed low flour just before a _____ knocked.
7. Her oven had _____, and she needed food for a family supper.
8. I baked two loaves _____ of one and carried one over.
9. By _____, her flour jar wore a red thread too.

Part 2 — Write every sentence you hear

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

Answer key

Part 1 — the missing words

1. breakfast 2. snowstorm 3. handful 4. disappeared 5. Afterward 6. neighbor 7. failed 8. instead 9. evening

Part 2 — the full transcript

1. The red thread around our flour jar once saved Sunday breakfast.
2. It began after Mother forgot to buy flour before a snowstorm.
3. She tied thread around the jar to mark her final handful.
4. The shop closed early, so pancakes disappeared from Sunday's plan.
5. Afterward, she kept it at one cup's height after each shopping trip.
6. Years later, the thread showed low flour just before a neighbor knocked.
7. Her oven had failed, and she needed food for a family supper.
8. I baked two loaves instead of one and carried one over.
9. By evening, her flour jar wore a red thread too.

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