

The Returning Road

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Part 1 — Fill the gaps while you listen

1. The island bus stopped beside a sea that had _____ the road.
2. Our driver said the tide had risen faster than the _____ promised.
3. We had _____ to reach the village before dark, but had to wait.
4. A local baker _____ with a basket and invited us inside.
5. While we shared warm rolls, she _____ the road would return.
6. The tide was going out, though the water still covered _____.
7. Soon, a line of stones emerged, leading _____ across the bay.
8. We crossed behind the baker, who knew each _____ stone by heart.
9. I have never trusted a _____ more than someone who watches the sea.

Part 2 — Write every sentence you hear

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

Answer key

Part 1 — the missing words

1. swallowed 2. forecast 3. planned 4. appeared 5. explained 6. everything 7. straight 8. slippery 9. timetable

Part 2 — the full transcript

1. The island bus stopped beside a sea that had swallowed the road.
2. Our driver said the tide had risen faster than the forecast promised.
3. We had planned to reach the village before dark, but had to wait.
4. A local baker appeared with a basket and invited us inside.
5. While we shared warm rolls, she explained the road would return.
6. The tide was going out, though the water still covered everything.
7. Soon, a line of stones emerged, leading straight across the bay.
8. We crossed behind the baker, who knew each slippery stone by heart.
9. I have never trusted a timetable more than someone who watches the sea.

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