The Washer’s Quiet Pause

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Name _____ Date _____

Part 1 — Fill the gaps while you listen

1. Why did the washer pause, then turn slowly without _____?
2. A soaked towel kept _____ to one side of the drum.
3. The machine seemed stuck, but a small sensor was _____ its movement.
4. Many modern _____ use sensors to detect shaking during the spin cycle.
5. One heavy item can pull the wet _____ off balance.
6. The washer slows down and turns the clothes gently to _____ them.
7. It may _____ this step until the load sits more evenly.
8. If the load stays uneven, the _____ may stop to protect itself.
9. That _____, it shifted the clothes around to balance the load, then spun.
10. Those slow turns _____ a harder shake and protected the washer's moving parts.

Part 2 — Write every sentence you hear

1. _____
2. _____
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9. _____

10. _____

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Answer key

Part 1 — the missing words

1. draining 2. sliding 3. checking 4. washers 5. clothes 6. redistribute 7. repeat 8. machine 9. evening 10. prevented

Part 2 — the full transcript

1. Why did the washer pause, then turn slowly without draining?
2. A soaked towel kept sliding to one side of the drum.
3. The machine seemed stuck, but a small sensor was checking its movement.
4. Many modern washers use sensors to detect shaking during the spin cycle.
5. One heavy item can pull the wet clothes off balance.
6. The washer slows down and turns the clothes gently to redistribute them.
7. It may repeat this step until the load sits more evenly.
8. If the load stays uneven, the machine may stop to protect itself.
9. That evening, it shifted the clothes around to balance the load, then spun.
10. Those slow turns prevented a harder shake and protected the washer's moving parts.

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