A Receiver at Supper

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Part 1 — Fill the gaps while you listen

1. The film A Receiver at Supper follows an inventor whose kettle alarm becomes _____ in family life.
2. Her first prototype mistakes a washing machine's _____ for a boiling kettle, ruining Sunday soup.
3. Her father, a night baker, sleeps through ordinary alarms after his shifts, giving her _____ personal stakes.
4. The device sends a light to a receiver, so it cannot help if either part is _____.
5. Bright daylight can also hide the flash, a _____ weakness the film does not conceal.
6. Instead of presenting a polished success story, the director lets failed tests reshape their _____.
7. During one late test, her father covers the receiver with a tea towel, _____ a louder warning.
8. That small gesture shows how easily a _____ design can fail to match someone's habits.
9. The middle section _____ overexplains the circuitry, although its domestic humor keeps the pace warm.
10. Viewers drawn to intimate family dramas and inventive everyday details will enjoy its _____ payoff.

Part 2 — Write every sentence you hear

1. _____

2. _____

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Answer key

Part 1 — the missing words

1. entangled 2. vibrations 3. invention 4. misplaced 5. practical 6. relationship 7. expecting 8. thoughtful 9. occasionally 10. understated

Part 2 — the full transcript

1. The film A Receiver at Supper follows an inventor whose kettle alarm becomes entangled in family life.
2. Her first prototype mistakes a washing machine's vibrations for a boiling kettle, ruining Sunday soup.
3. Her father, a night baker, sleeps through ordinary alarms after his shifts, giving her invention personal stakes.
4. The device sends a light to a receiver, so it cannot help if either part is misplaced.
5. Bright daylight can also hide the flash, a practical weakness the film does not conceal.
6. Instead of presenting a polished success story, the director lets failed tests reshape their relationship.
7. During one late test, her father covers the receiver with a tea towel, expecting a louder warning.
8. That small gesture shows how easily a thoughtful design can fail to match someone's habits.
9. The middle section occasionally overexplains the circuitry, although its domestic humor keeps the pace warm.
10. Viewers drawn to intimate family dramas and inventive everyday details will enjoy its understated payoff.

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