Measuring The Crossing

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Name _____ Date _____

Part 1 — Fill the gaps while you listen

1. On my first trip to Bracken Isle, our ferry spent twenty minutes waiting _____.
2. The captain lowered a _____ pole beside the hull, then called out the depth.
3. Several _____ complained, since the channel looked calm and the pier was visible.
4. I thought the crew had misread the _____ until the captain explained the sandbar.
5. Years earlier, he said, a ferry had grounded there while carrying _____ home.
6. Though nobody was hurt, _____ had to climb aboard a rescue boat in falling rain.
7. Since then, the crew had recorded the channel depth at _____ stages of each tide.
8. At low water, the _____ section was too risky for the ferry's loaded hull.
9. They waited for the rising tide to cover the sandbar, checking the depth before _____.
10. When the pole showed enough water _____ us, the captain eased forward without a word.

Part 2 — Write every sentence you hear

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

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9.

10.

Answer key

Part 1 — the missing words

1. offshore 2. graduated 3. passengers 4. timetable 5. schoolchildren 6. passengers 7. different 8. shallowest 9. departure 10. beneath

Part 2 — the full transcript

1. On my first trip to Bracken Isle, our ferry spent twenty minutes waiting offshore.
2. The captain lowered a graduated pole beside the hull, then called out the depth.
3. Several passengers complained, since the channel looked calm and the pier was visible.
4. I thought the crew had misread the timetable until the captain explained the sandbar.
5. Years earlier, he said, a ferry had grounded there while carrying schoolchildren home.
6. Though nobody was hurt, passengers had to climb aboard a rescue boat in falling rain.
7. Since then, the crew had recorded the channel depth at different stages of each tide.
8. At low water, the shallowest section was too risky for the ferry's loaded hull.
9. They waited for the rising tide to cover the sandbar, checking the depth before departure.
10. When the pole showed enough water beneath us, the captain eased forward without a word.

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