

Soup Before Closing

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Part 1 — Fill the gaps while you listen

1. A café near the town market has begun serving a changing soup made from unsold _____.
2. The weekly supper, which opened last month, draws shoppers, _____, and residents who rarely meet.
3. Rather than advertise a fixed menu, cooks post the _____ after the market closes.
4. That _____ once seemed likely to deter customers, yet many now arrive curious about the combination.
5. On _____, roasted peppers softened a lentil broth, while bruised pears were served with sharp cheese.
6. All dishes cost the same modest amount, so nobody has to explain why they choose _____.
7. The arrangement has also reduced waste, although cooks say _____ demands careful storage and flexible recipes.
8. A _____ who once discarded herbs now sets aside small bundles before packing up.
9. _____ say the supper is not a substitute for affordable groceries, but it makes surplus visible.
10. Next month, they will invite diners to suggest _____, though the final menu will remain a surprise.

Part 2 — Write every sentence you hear

1. _____

2. _____

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10.

Answer key

Part 1 — the missing words

1. vegetables
2. stallholders
3. ingredients
4. uncertainty
5. Thursday
6. leftovers
7. unpredictability
8. stallholder
9. Organizers
10. combinations

Part 2 — the full transcript

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