Stops Along The Way

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Name _____ Date _____

Part 1 — Fill the gaps while you listen

1. Alderwick began a six-week evening bus trial on Monday, allowing riders to request stops between _____ points.
2. A driver must judge whether the chosen _____ is well lit and safe before opening the doors.
3. The measure was designed for _____ travelling alone, although anyone may use it after eight.
4. Early feedback suggests riders value control more than shorter journeys, _____ along the unlit northern road.
5. However, drivers warned that _____ requests could delay passengers already waiting at crowded stops.
6. Requests are _____ before the bus leaves its next stop, rather than while it is moving.
7. The council is comparing missed _____, reported concerns, and travel times with records from last winter.
8. One _____ result is that several riders now leave earlier, because they trust the route home.
9. That change may matter more than the number of extra stops, which _____ will publish next month.
10. If the trial _____, its success will depend on clear judgment rather than automatic detours.

Part 2 — Write every sentence you hear

1. _____

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2. _____

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Answer key

Part 1 — the missing words

1. designated 2. location 3. passengers 4. particularly 5. unsuitable 6. considered 7. connections 8. surprising 9. officials 10. continues

Part 2 — the full transcript

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