The Canopy Repair

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Name _____ Date _____

Part 1 — Fill the gaps while you listen

1. _____ Saturday umbrella clinic drew a queue after a week of sideways rain.
2. _____ expected broken ribs, but one visitor arrived with an umbrella stitched from two different canopies.
3. It had belonged to her late mother, and its _____ panels were deliberate, not damage.
4. She had planned to replace it until a _____ noticed that one seam was still sound.
5. Using thread _____ from another broken canopy, the team repaired the torn edge without hiding either color.
6. After watching, several shoppers chose repairs over _____ on new umbrellas at a nearby stall.
7. By noon, _____ had fixed thirty-one umbrellas, including five whose handles needed custom wooden sleeves.
8. Clinic records showed that most _____ began where canopy fabric met the ribs, not at the handles.
9. That detail prompted _____ to offer reinforced seam checks at the next monthly clinic.

Part 2 — Write every sentence you hear

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

5.

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Answer key

Part 1 — the missing words

1. Norwick's 2. Volunteers 3. mismatched 4. technician 5. salvaged 6. discounts 7. volunteers 8. failures 9. organizers

Part 2 — the full transcript

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