The Missing Wrenches

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Name _____ Date _____

Part 1 — Fill the gaps while you listen

1. At a repair workshop, _____ lost nearly an hour each day searching for tools that had been borrowed.
2. The owner considered buying duplicates, which would reduce _____ but consume money reserved for replacement parts.
3. A paper log seemed cheaper, _____ workers often forgot to record tools when urgent jobs arrived.
4. Painting each tool's outline on a wall board would make missing equipment _____ visible.
5. _____, crowded benches left little room for a board, and tools moved between work areas.
6. The team mounted a narrow board beside the shared tool cabinet, where _____ equipment took seconds.
7. A weekly check showed that most missing tools were not stolen but buried beneath _____ repairs.
8. Even so, the board could not track rare equipment that _____ borrowed for longer jobs.
9. Those items still needed _____ tracking, while ordinary tools stayed visible without extra paperwork.
10. The repair schedule improved because mechanics stopped _____ one another to ask where common tools had gone.

Part 2 — Write every sentence you hear

1. _____

2. _____

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Answer key

Part 1 — the missing words

1. mechanics 2. interruptions 3. although 4. immediately 5. However 6. returning 7. unfinished 8. technicians 9. individual 10. interrupting

Part 2 — the full transcript

1. At a repair workshop, mechanics lost nearly an hour each day searching for tools that had been borrowed.
2. The owner considered buying duplicates, which would reduce interruptions but consume money reserved for replacement parts.
3. A paper log seemed cheaper, although workers often forgot to record tools when urgent jobs arrived.
4. Painting each tool's outline on a wall board would make missing equipment immediately visible.
5. However, crowded benches left little room for a board, and tools moved between work areas.
6. The team mounted a narrow board beside the shared tool cabinet, where returning equipment took seconds.
7. A weekly check showed that most missing tools were not stolen but buried beneath unfinished repairs.
8. Even so, the board could not track rare equipment that technicians borrowed for longer jobs.
9. Those items still needed individual tracking, while ordinary tools stayed visible without extra paperwork.
10. The repair schedule improved because mechanics stopped interrupting one another to ask where common tools had gone.

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