The Pay Stub Test

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Name _____ Date _____

Part 1 — Fill the gaps while you listen

1. During payroll week, the _____ printer drowned out calls from staff about missing wage entries.
2. Callers discussed pay privately while salary sheets _____ on an unlocked tray beside the noisy machine.
3. Replacing it promised silence, but a _____ scanner would take weeks and delay deposits.
4. A soundproof enclosure might cost less, although its narrow vents risked _____ during the month's largest payroll run.
5. Moving the printer into the locked records room could protect sheets, but add a walk to each _____.
6. The team hesitated because scanner _____ could postpone deposits for the entire kitchen crew.
7. They _____ the enclosure after testing airflow against the machine's heavy workload.
8. In a _____ trial, clearer calls revealed that several cooks had the same missing shift premium.
9. Payroll traced the shortage to a faulty _____ import and corrected it before deposits went out.
10. They kept it there, _____ extra steps after one clear call exposed a crewwide payroll error.

Part 2 — Write every sentence you hear

1. _____

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Answer key

Part 1 — the missing words

1. grinding 2. accumulated 3. compatible 4. overheating 5. correction 6. replacement 7. dismissed
8. relocation 9. timesheet 10. accepting

Part 2 — the full transcript

1. During payroll week, the grinding printer drowned out calls from staff about missing wage entries.
2. Callers discussed pay privately while salary sheets accumulated on an unlocked tray beside the noisy machine.
3. Replacing it promised silence, but a compatible scanner would take weeks and delay deposits.
4. A soundproof enclosure might cost less, although its narrow vents risked overheating during the month's largest payroll run.
5. Moving the printer into the locked records room could protect sheets, but add a walk to each correction.
6. The team hesitated because scanner replacement could postpone deposits for the entire kitchen crew.
7. They dismissed the enclosure after testing airflow against the machine's heavy workload.
8. In a relocation trial, clearer calls revealed that several cooks had the same missing shift premium.
9. Payroll traced the shortage to a faulty timesheet import and corrected it before deposits went out.
10. They kept it there, accepting extra steps after one clear call exposed a crewwide payroll error.

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