The Thermostat Diagram

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Name _____ Date _____

Part 1 — Fill the gaps while you listen

1. When the shop bell rang, Nadiya could often guess a _____ age from what they carried, not from their clothes.
2. Older clients wrapped cracked radios in _____, while younger ones arrived with loose screws sorted into paper cups.
3. She repaired both, though newer devices often concealed their _____ beneath adhesive strips and glossy panels.
4. One afternoon a _____ student brought a rice cooker and a diagram she had drawn of its thermostat and three wires.
5. She had traced the circuit while keeping a communal supper club _____ during exam week in her apartment building.
6. The cooker still failed, but Nadiya found a _____ darkened by heat exactly where the student's notes predicted.
7. Together they replaced it, testing each _____ before the student packed the borrowed toolkit beside a stack of meal containers.
8. Before leaving, she asked whether the _____ tool cupboard could include a soldering iron, then offered to teach neighbors its safe use.
9. By Friday, residents had added labels to the cupboard, and one had taped up a warning about _____ the iron.
10. Nadiya once watched _____ carry repairs home, but now she saw them return with borrowed tools and new questions.
11. The shop's work had begun to travel beyond its counter, carried not in boxes but in the _____ people made for one another.

Part 2 — Write every sentence you hear

1. _____

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Answer key

Part 1 — the missing words

1. customer's 2. newspaper 3. fastenings 4. university 5. operating 6. connector 7. connection 8. building's 9. unplugging 10. customers 11. diagrams

Part 2 — the full transcript

1. When the shop bell rang, Nadiya could often guess a customer's age from what they carried, not from their clothes.
2. Older clients wrapped cracked radios in newspaper, while younger ones arrived with loose screws sorted into paper cups.
3. She repaired both, though newer devices often concealed their fastenings beneath adhesive strips and glossy panels.
4. One afternoon a university student brought a rice cooker and a diagram she had drawn of its thermostat and three wires.
5. She had traced the circuit while keeping a communal supper club operating during exam week in her apartment building.
6. The cooker still failed, but Nadiya found a connector darkened by heat exactly where the student's notes predicted.
7. Together they replaced it, testing each connection before the student packed the borrowed toolkit beside a stack of meal containers.
8. Before leaving, she asked whether the building's tool cupboard could include a soldering iron, then offered to teach neighbors its safe use.
9. By Friday, residents had added labels to the cupboard, and one had taped up a warning about unplugging the iron.
10. Nadiya once watched customers carry repairs home, but now she saw them return with borrowed tools and new questions.
11. The shop's work had begun to travel beyond its counter, carried not in boxes but in the diagrams people made for one another.

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