Where Warmth Goes

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Name _____ Date _____

Part 1 — Fill the gaps while you listen

1. _____ became visible to Mara only when she began measuring what houses were quietly losing.
2. As a _____ assessor in a coastal county, she carries a thermal camera, chalk, and a pocket notebook.
3. Her clients expect dramatic _____, but most heat escapes through ordinary gaps around loft hatches and poorly fitted doors.
4. One winter, she found a child's bedroom colder than the hallway, though its _____ had been replaced twice.
5. Tracing the chill, Mara discovered a _____ flap jammed open behind a wardrobe, invisible to the household's energy statements.
6. Such visits have become routine as _____ offer grants, yet the paperwork still treats each home as a separate puzzle.
7. She has learned that a good _____ begins not with equipment, but with asking which room people avoid.
8. Sometimes the answer is a drafty kitchen, while sometimes it is a _____ habit of sleeping beside the boiler.
9. Neighbors now compare _____ invoices as once they compared fuel bills, turning private discomfort into a shared vocabulary.
10. Mara's work is modest by design: she leaves behind fewer devices than _____, and a sketch of where warmth goes.
11. Perhaps the measure of a warmer future is not the _____ of its machinery, but how little mystery a home retains.

Part 2 — Write every sentence you hear

1. _____

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Answer key

Part 1 — the missing words

1. Efficiency 2. retrofit 3. discoveries 4. radiator 5. ventilation 6. governments 7. recommendation 8. grandparent's 9. insulation 10. explanations 11. cleverness

Part 2 — the full transcript

1. Efficiency became visible to Mara only when she began measuring what houses were quietly losing.
2. As a retrofit assessor in a coastal county, she carries a thermal camera, chalk, and a pocket notebook.
3. Her clients expect dramatic discoveries, but most heat escapes through ordinary gaps around loft hatches and poorly fitted doors.
4. One winter, she found a child's bedroom colder than the hallway, though its radiator had been replaced twice.
5. Tracing the chill, Mara discovered a ventilation flap jammed open behind a wardrobe, invisible to the household's energy statements.
6. Such visits have become routine as governments offer grants, yet the paperwork still treats each home as a separate puzzle.
7. She has learned that a good recommendation begins not with equipment, but with asking which room people avoid.
8. Sometimes the answer is a drafty kitchen, while sometimes it is a grandparent's habit of sleeping beside the boiler.
9. Neighbors now compare insulation invoices as once they compared fuel bills, turning private discomfort into a shared vocabulary.
10. Mara's work is modest by design: she leaves behind fewer devices than explanations, and a sketch of where warmth goes.
11. Perhaps the measure of a warmer future is not the cleverness of its machinery, but how little mystery a home retains.

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