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Mystery at a Manor

1. Verb Present Ends In Ing _____
2. Occupation _____
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4. Noun _____
5. Verb Past Tense _____
6. Noun _____
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8. Noun _____
9. Adjective _____
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12. Adjective _____
13. Noun _____
14. Verb Base Form _____
15. Noun _____
16. Noun Plural _____
17. Adjective _____

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The manor at Blackfenn had been empty for decades and looked ancient as rainwater began _____Verb Present_____ _____ends in ING_____ new patterns down its stone face. Lucie, the town's only amateur _____Occupation_____, slipped through a rusted gate and found the front door unlocked as if it had been _____Verb Present ends in ING_____.

Inside, time hung like _____Noun_____. Portraits watched; a _____Verb Past Tense_____ clock ticked once, then twice, then stopped. Lucie followed a faint _____Noun_____ down a corridor where wallpaper _____Verb Past Tense_____ like old paper maps. At the end, a small _____Noun_____ revealed a ledger and a single, _____Adjective_____ footprint in _____Adjective_____ ash.

She opened the ledger. Pages listed names - neighbors who'd vanished years ago--and beside each _____Noun_____, a neat time and a single word: "Returned." Her breath hitched. The _____Adjective_____ entry was today's date and her own _____Noun_____.

Before she could _____Verb Base Form_____ the ledger closed, the portrait eyes shifted, and a _____Noun_____, dry as autumn _____Noun Plural_____, sighed, "Welcome home." The manor's door shut _____Adjective_____ behind her.

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