

Strong Verbs

Strong verbs are verbs that describe an action precisely. Below are some strong verbs that might be used in place of *run*:

scramble rush sprint gallop trot

Directions Write each sentence. Replace the underlined verb with a verb that is more vivid and precise. You may need to add or delete other words.

1. The coyote walked slyly toward the people. Possible answers:

The coyote strolled slyly toward the people.

2. The coyote laughed at his trick.

The coyote chuckled at his trick.

3. The other animals spoke to the coyote.

The other animals remarked to the coyote.

4. The coyote talked about how smart he was.

The coyote bragged about how smart he was.

5. The lazy coyote lay against a tree.

The lazy coyote lounged against a tree.

Directions Write a sentence about a tricky coyote. Use a strong verb.

Possible answer: The coyote whispered to the beaver.
