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Vocabulary

Directions Complete each sentence in the story with one of the vocabulary words.

Check the Words You Know

___artifacts

___breakthrough

___cunning

___descendant

___retreated

___scampered

___yelping

Henry was afraid of the (1) **yelping** dogs. Every time he saw them, he (2) **retreated** to the back of the room.

One day, Henry and his class visited a Native American museum. First they studied ancient (3) **artifacts**, such as pieces of pottery. Then it was time for a story.

The story was told by Mr. Gordon, who was a (4) **descendant** of a Navajo storyteller. Mr. Gordon told tales about the coyote, a (5) **cunning** creature who often played tricks on the Navajo people. Henry discovered that his interest in coyotes made him feel less afraid about dogs. When Mr. Gordon's coydog, Ranger, (6) **scampered** over to Henry, Henry actually petted Ranger. Henry was excited, because he knew this was a real (7) **breakthrough**.

Directions Write the definition of each word based on its context above. Use a dictionary if necessary. **Possible responses given.**

8. retreated **withdrew**

9. breakthrough **a significant advance**

10. yelping **making sharp, shrill cries or barks**