## THE LAST DOG

## Vocabulary Study

## CONTEXT CLUES

A. Directions: Cover up or fold under the right-hand column. As your teacher reads each sentence, listen for the boldfaced word. Discuss possible meanings for the word using context clues, such as antonyms. Then check your answers by reading the definition in the right-hand column.

| Word | How It Is Used | Definition |
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| 1. copious | The scientists performed copious experiments, testing every possible function of the dog. | more than enough; plentiful |
| 2. disembodied | His disembodied voice, through the walls, frightening the occupants, who could not see the person speaking. | separated from or lacking a body |
| 3. evasive | The boy did not want anyone to know where he was going, so he was evasive when his friends asked about his destination. | tending or trying to avoid |
| 4. foray | On his first foray into the unexplored region, he ventured only about a quarter of a mile. | a brief trip into an unknown area |
| 5. foresighted | Lagging several hours behind schedule, he was glad that he had been foresighted enough to bring ample water. | having the ability to anticipate the future and prepare for it |
| 6. languishing | If anything happened to his puppy, he knew that he would spend the rest of his life languishing in the cold, impersonal dome. | existing in a state of sadness or depression |
| 7. posterity | The scientists wanted to make virtual copies of the puppy so that knowledge of dogs could be handed down to posterity and not lost in this generation. | future generations |
| 8. reproof | The official uttered a reproof to the boy for failing to report the puppy immediately. | criticism for a fault |

B. Directions: On the back of this sheet, write a sentence for each word. If possible, have your sentences tell a story.

