legendary – a story that has been handed down for years and has some basis in fact

muttered – to speak in a low, unclear way with your mouth closed

gaped – stared with your mouth open wide in surprise or wonder

insult – a remark or action that hurts someone’s feelings or pride

exhibition – an event for people to watch just for fun

fluke – a chance happening or accidental turn of events

accomplishments – things you have successfully completed

pitcher – member of a baseball team who throws the ball to the batter

career – a person’s job or profession

snickering – laughing in a disrespectful way

disease – a specific illness

flinched – to react to something unpleasant by drawing back quickly

setting – where and when the story takes place

characters – who or what the story is about

panic – sudden and unreasonable fear

flashy – something that is colorful and stands out

china – fine pottery used to make dishes

pineapple – a fruit that looks like a pinecone

vandalism – destruction of valued things

popcorn – made by heating corn kernels

jeep – powerful car with four-wheel drive

funny bone – place where the nerve passes your bended elbow

eavesdrop – listen in on someone’s conversation