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**R = Reporter, A = Archaeologist**

**R:** I believe archaeologists discovered this pyramid in 1978.

**A:** That’s right. But we haven’t excavated everything yet. There’s still a lot to do.

**R:** Where are we standing now?

**A:** We’re near the north wall of the pyramid.

**R:** And why have you brought me here?

**A:** Well, recently we discovered this box in the ground which tells us a lot about the Aztecs.

**R:** Yes, I can see that it’s full of objects. What are they?

**A:** Some of them are pots or plates. They used to make them for cooking.

**R:** I see. And what else is in there?

**A:** There were some small pieces of gold and a precious blue stone called jade but we’ve taken them out now. The Aztecs used to do a lot of business and so these types of stones were important. We also found some small statues which had religious importance. And also there were knives. The Aztecs used to sacrifice animals – and even other humans – to their gods. So the knives are probably for sacrifices.

**R:** Did you find any bodies?

**A:** Actually, yes. The skeleton of a dog, but it wasn’t from a sacrifice. It wore a beautiful collar so it was obviously an important animal.

**R:** Did the Aztecs use to keep dogs as pets?

**A:** No, they didn’t use to have pets. Well, we don’t think they did. But obviously this dog was important in some way. Maybe the owner used him for hunting.

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