

ACTIVITY 1 JOIN THE PACK

In *Survivors #1: The Empty City*, the first book of an exciting new middle grade series, we meet Lucky, a Lone Dog who lives on the streets. Lucky doesn't need any help from humans or other dogs—until an earthquake, the Big Growl, destroys his city. Now danger lurks around every corner, and Lucky must team up with some Leashed Dogs in order to survive.

Lucky and his Pack must hunt for food, find shelter, and protect each other from enemies of all kinds. At first, Lucky isn't sure that his new friends are up to the challenge. He soon learns, however, that each of the dogs in his new Pack have unique skills that can help them all survive.

Read the descriptions of each dog's personality and special skills below. Then write a description of your own personality and special skills in the space provided. Afterward, discuss as a class what the dogs gain by working together and what obstacles they might face in *The Empty City*.

**Lucky**

Type: Lone Dog (Sheltie-Retriever)
Personality: Clever, resourceful, and independent
Special Skills: Hunting
Quote: "I like being on my own. I mean, I'm sure a Pack's best for some dogs, but I can look after myself."

**Bella**

Type: Leashed Dog (Sheltie-Retriever)
Personality: Compassionate and brave, but a little stubborn
Special Skills: Decision-making
Quote: "My friends need someone to take charge. I don't have time to mope."

**Mickey**

Type: Leashed Dog (Border Collie)
Personality: Nurturing and watchful; a fast learner
Special Skills: Herding and hunting
Quote: "I can't give up my faith in the longpaws [the story's term for humans]. I understand we can't rely on the longpaws to help us anymore. But one of us has to remember."

**Bruno**

Type: Leashed Dog (German Shepherd mix)
Personality: Protective, eager, and friendly
Special Skills: Fighting, exploring, fitting through small spaces
Quote: "Bit of a fighter myself, you know? Handy in a tight corner."

**Sunshine**

Type: Leashed Dog (Maltese)
Personality: Timid and resistant to change
Special Skills: Strong sense of smell
Quote: "Being a Wild Dog is such hard work!"

**Martha**

Type: Leashed Dog (Newfoundland)
Personality: Compassionate and caring
Special Skills: Swimming
Quote: "Martha showed no sign of panic, her body cutting strongly through the foaming waves till she was alongside Bruno. She snatched the scruff of his neck and dragged him through the water. She's a real fighter, Lucky thought, impressed."

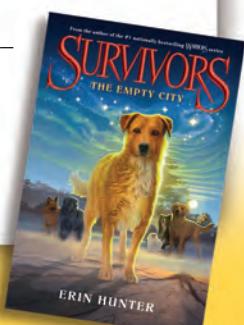


What special skills could you contribute to a group like Lucky's? Describe your personality, list your strengths (both physical and mental) in the space below, and write a quote that summarizes who you are!

Personality: _____

Special Skills: _____

Quote: _____



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