

ACTIVITY 2 DOG LANGUAGE DECODED

In *Survivors #1: The Empty City*, the story is told from the perspective of Lucky and a group of dogs who make him their leader. Lucky and his friends recognize some human words, like “collar” and “food,” but they have to come up with their own words for other things. For instance, they call humans “longpaws” because our hands and feet look like long paws!

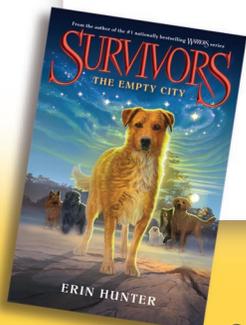
See if you can figure out what the dogs are talking about in these sentences from *Survivors #1: The Empty City*. Then match each underlined term with its human-word definition.

- _____ 1. “Loudcages—longpaws use them to get around. They can’t run as fast as we can.” a) cat
- _____ 2. “Some of the loudcages had fallen onto their flanks—a big, long one had crashed its blunt snout into an empty space in the wall of a building, shattered pieces of clear-stone glittering.” b) gun
- _____ 3. “There it was: striped fur bristling, pointed ears laid flat, and tiny, glinting fangs bared. Sharpclaw!” c) car
- _____ 4. “Meat was cooking on one of those metal longpaw fireboxes! The invisible fires that made the raw meat turn dark, that made the food-smell so strong and tangy.” d) glass
- _____ 5. “He was about to bark a warning when the loudstick exploded. The sound was a crack as loud as the Big Growl.” e) cooking grill

Now come up with your own new words for the following classroom items. You can make up new dog words or invent a new language of your own.

- Desk: _____
- Clock: _____
- Book: _____
- Computer: _____
- Backpack: _____
- Pencil: _____
- Library: _____
- Calculator: _____

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In the space below, write a sentence using some of your new words:

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