

## Tick the Word Closest in Meaning to...

John raced to the door. He clutched the cold, hard door handle and dared to wait for a moment. He listened. All he could hear was the pounding of his own heart. Were they still following him? He wasn't going to wait around to find out. With renewed determination, he turned the handle, flung open the door and raced into the unknown.

Stumbling blindly in the darkness, he ran on. He was in a corridor now. He hadn't got time to search for a light switch. A tiny ray of light, from a window up ahead, was providing just enough light to assist his escape. His breath was coming in desperate gasps now, partly from exhaustion; partly from fear. He had to find a way out – now!

As he approached the end of the long, narrow corridor, it turned sharply to the right. His shoes lost friction due to the rapid change of direction; he found himself cannoning headlong into a very large, wooden door. With both hands, he grasped wildly at the handle. He let out an involuntary yell as the handle began to turn. Bright, dazzling sunlight hurt his eyes as he burst out into the wonderful fresh air. He was safe!

- The word *determination* is closest in meaning to...

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willpower

loss of hope

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- The word *assist* is closest in meaning to...

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I appear to have got myself into trouble. You were right, as always, about Mike. It seems he is involved in something perilous and I have ended up right in the middle of it. I am trying to gather enough evidence to convince the police that something terrible is happening. I promise I will do my best to stay safe.

Love from John.

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I was walking towards the bus stop, on the corner of West Avenue, when my attention was drawn to the large Victorian property on Kensington Road. A man suddenly burst out of the door, stumbled down the path and collapsed at my feet. I would describe him as being in his late teens, with brown, dishevelled hair, of slim build and average height.

He was very distressed. He babbled on about needing to call the police and that he had got the evidence they needed. His clothes had blood on them, but I am fairly sure the blood was not his own. I promptly called the police and an ambulance. Whilst waiting for the emergency services to arrive, I witnessed no one enter or leave the property, however, I am fairly certain that I saw a face appear briefly at the attic window. I was very surprised when the police said that the property was empty.

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