Boy fights lion tooth and nail.

MISSOULA, MT, USA On a fine summer day, Aaron Hall, 16, set out on a hike in the mountains of Montana with a group of young children. As a camp counselor, Hall was in charge of the children's safety.

²Hall was walking **in front of** six-year-old Dante Swallow when he heard Dante scream. ³He turned around and **got the shock of his life**. An animal had Dante by the neck and was dragging him away. **At first glance** the animal **looked like** a dog, but then Hall saw the face of a mountain lion. ⁴He reacted **in a flash**. He began kicking and hitting the lion. He **fought tooth and nail**.

The lion **let go of** Dante and **backed off**, running into the bushes. Hall gave Dante first aid. Then he jumped into a nearby truck and drove the boy down the mountain. At the hospital Dante got stitches in his neck. What a close call! The lion's teeth had just missed Dante's main artery.

8"I was really scared of that lion," Hall said afterwards. "I don't even remember fighting him." He is now a hero in his community. "What he did is just incredible," said Dante's grateful parents.

artery: a tube that carries fresh blood from the heart through the body

- Set out (on a hike, a walk, a trip)
- Be in charge (of someone or something)
- In front of someone or something
- At first glance
- Look like someone or something
- Let go(of someone or something)
- Be scared of someone or something.

- begin(a hike, a walk, a trip, an adventure, etc)
- be responsible (for someone or something)
- ahead of; before someone or something
- at the first quick look
- be similar in appearance to someone or something.
- release (someone or something)
- Fear; be afraid of someone or something

charge t	of flash 9 ooth and nail off	of one's life
a.	get the shock	1, a narrow escape
ь.	back	2. very quickly
c.	a close	3. be responsible for
d.	fight	4. at the first quick look
_ е.	be in	5. be very surprised and scare
_ f.	at first	6. move in reverse
g.	in a	7. fight hard



be scared of



in front of



got the shock of one's life



set out on



let go of, back off



a close call



fight tooth and nail



first aid

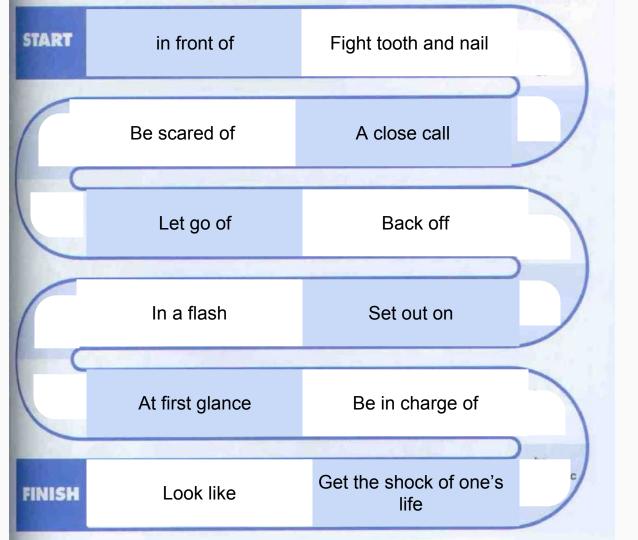
Answer The Questions

About the story

- What was Aaron in charge of as a camp counselor?
- How did the mountain lion response when Aaron fought him tooth and nail?
- Why did people say "what a close call!" when Dante was at the hospital?
- How can you describe the Aaron's characteristics by seeing that Aaron reacted in a flash when
 Aaron saw the face of a mountain lion?

About you

- If you were Aaron as a camp counselor, how would you react when Dante was attacked by a lion?
- Have you ever achieve something or save someone by fighting tooth and nail?
- Have you had any situation which could be called 'a close call'?



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When it is your turn close your eyes. Use your pencil to touch a number (in the box on the right). Move your market that many spaces.

Try to make a personal, true sentence using the idiom.

If you can do it, stay on the space. If you cannot, go back two spaces.

The first person to reach FINISH is the winner.

Senator Has a Close Call

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Whitefish, Mt, USA For many years School Montana Legislature, where he was (1)	much of
his time outdoors.	with
One recent summer day Brown (2) his dog Mishka to do some fishing. On his way to the r . Mishka came out from some bu	shes and Brown
behind her was a grizzly bear! (4)	ee as fast n," he said. lied to grab ad. I knew I
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be retired: be no longer working	

- be scared of (v)
- · in front of
- set out (v)
- · back off (v)
- get the shock of one's life (v)
- · a close call
- in a flash
- in charge of

Complete the idioms

- That woman fought during the war to protect her children.
- Ellen gets the shock when she opens the door of an abandoned house in the woods.
- It was a close of for residents when a tornado swept through just west of the town.
- She backed and then turned and ran.
- It happened flash. Suddenly my wallet was gone.