

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 help 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 *clutched* is closest in meaning to...

Tick one.

battled

grabbed

raced

panicked

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

Tick one.

stopping

slowing

fear

beating

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

Tick one.

willpower

loss of hope

defeat

downfall

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

Tick one.

slippery

smooth

resistance

fight