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## **Level 4 – 1st September, 2021**

### **Hero mother saves son from mountain lion attack**

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**Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210901-hero-mother-4.html>

A woman has been called a hero after fighting a mountain lion that attacked her five-year-old son. She dragged her little boy away from the big cat and beat it with her fists in her garden. The boy had bites and cuts to his head and body. He is now in a stable condition in a local hospital. He is expected to make a full recovery. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife said the mother was a "true hero" for saving her son's life.

The mountain lion was less than a year old. It was probably practising its hunting skills. Officials shot the lion and stated: "Wildlife forensics scientists analyzed samples from underneath the claws of the suspect lion carcass and isolated traces of human tissue and blood with a DNA profile that matched the [boy]." A different mountain lion was found. It was shot with a non-lethal tranquilizer and then released.

Sources: <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2021/08/29/california-mom-fights-mountain-lion-attacked-5-year-old-son/5643763001/>  
<https://www.foxnews.com/great-outdoors/california-mom-mountain-lion-attack-bare-hands>  
<https://news.yahoo.com/california-mother-fought-mountain-lion-103022874.html>

# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                  |                  |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. A woman has been called       | a. condition     |
| 2. fighting a                    | b. her fists     |
| 3. She dragged her little boy    | c. hospital      |
| 4. beat it with                  | d. away          |
| 5. The boy had bites and cuts    | e. a hero        |
| 6. now in a stable               | f. to his head   |
| 7. in a local                    | g. recovery      |
| 8. He is expected to make a full | h. mountain lion |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                  |                 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. practising its hunting        | a. and blood    |
| 2. Officials shot                | b. scientists   |
| 3. forensics                     | c. tranquilizer |
| 4. samples from underneath       | d. the lion     |
| 5. traces of human tissue        | e. found        |
| 6. a DNA                         | f. the claws    |
| 7. A different mountain lion was | g. skills       |
| 8. shot with a non-lethal        | h. profile      |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210901-hero-mother-4.html>

A woman (1) \_\_\_\_\_ a hero after fighting a mountain lion (2) \_\_\_\_\_ five-year-old son. She dragged her little boy away from the big cat and beat it (3) \_\_\_\_\_ in her garden. The boy had (4) \_\_\_\_\_ to his head and body. He is now in a stable condition in (5) \_\_\_\_\_. He is expected to make (6) \_\_\_\_\_. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife said the mother was a "true hero" for saving her son's life.

The mountain lion (7) \_\_\_\_\_ a year old. It was probably practising its hunting skills. Officials (8) \_\_\_\_\_ and stated: "Wildlife (9) \_\_\_\_\_ samples from underneath the claws of (10) \_\_\_\_\_ carcass and isolated traces of human tissue and blood with (11) \_\_\_\_\_ that matched the [boy]." A different mountain lion was found. It was shot with a non-lethal tranquilizer (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# MOTHERS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210901-hero-mother-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about mothers in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210901-hero-mother-4.html>

Write about **mothers** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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