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Hero mother saves son from mountain lion attack

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THE ARTICLE

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

A woman in California has been hailed a hero after fighting off a mountain lion that was carrying away her five-year-old son. Her maternal instincts kicked in as she dragged her little boy from the jaws of the big cat. She fought off the wild animal with her bare fists in the garden of her house on Thursday morning. Her son had been playing in the garden when the lion pounced. The boy suffered bites and lacerations to his head and torso, but is now in a stable condition in a local hospital. He is expected to make a full recovery. Patrick Foy, a spokesperson from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, said: "The true hero of this story is his mom because she absolutely saved her son's life."

Officials reported that the mountain lion was a juvenile and was less than a year old. They said the attack probably happened because the creature was young and was practising its hunting skills. They shot a lion near the boy's home that was acting in an "aggressive" nature. The officials later 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 young victim." They added: "Results were conclusive that it was the attacking lion that was shot by the wildlife officer on scene." Another mountain lion was found at the scene. It was shot with a non-lethal tranquilizer and 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>

WARM-UPS

1. MOTHERS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about mothers. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

California / hero / lion / maternal / instincts / wild animal / bites / stable / torso / life / juvenile / creature / hunting / aggressive / forensics / DNA / results / tranquilizer

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. HEROISM: Students A **strongly** believe we are all heroes; Students B **strongly** believe that's not true. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. HEROES: Who are your biggest heroes? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Who?	Why?
Political		
Sporting		
Business		
Entertainment		
Family		
Environmental		

5. CAT: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "cat". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. DANGEROUS ANIMALS: Rank these with your partner. Put the most dangerous animals at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Lion
- Buffalo
- Snake
- Shark
- Elephant
- Blowfish
- Crocodile
- Mosquito

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------|---|
| 1. hailed | a. Not clothed or covered. |
| 2. maternal | b. The trunk of the human body. |
| 3. instincts | c. Praised |
| 4. bare | d. A natural or intuitive way of acting or thinking. |
| 5. pounced | e. Relating to a mother, especially during pregnancy or shortly after childbirth. |
| 6. laceration | f. Of an animal or bird springing or jumping suddenly to catch prey. |
| 7. torso | g. A deep cut or tear in skin or flesh. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|------------------|--|
| 8. juvenile | h. An animal, rather than a human being. |
| 9. creature | i. Relating to using scientific methods and techniques to investigate crime. |
| 10. forensics | j. Likely to have the effect of proving a case. |
| 11. claws | k. Relating to young birds and animals. |
| 12. carcass | l. A medicinal drug taken to reduce tension or anxiety; a drug used to make animals unconscious. |
| 13. conclusive | m. The dead body of an animal. |
| 14. tranquilizer | n. Curved, sharp pointed nails on the feet of birds, lizards, dogs, cats, etc. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. A mountain lion attacked a 5-year-old boy in Kenya. **T / F**
2. The boy's mother beat the lion off with her fists. **T / F**
3. The boy is doing well in a hospital. **T / F**
4. The boy is expected to be back to normal. **T / F**
5. The lion was 10 years old. **T / F**
6. The article says the lion was an expert hunter. **T / F**
7. DNA was used to confirm which lion attacked the boy. **T / F**
8. A different lion was tranquilized and set free. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| 1. hailed | a. totally |
| 2. maternal | b. cuts |
| 3. bare | c. undeniable |
| 4. lacerations | d. motherly |
| 5. absolutely | e. location |
| 6. creature | f. praised |
| 7. traces | g. sedative |
| 8. conclusive | h. signs |
| 9. scene | i. uncovered |
| 10. tranquilizer | j. animal |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|---|--------------------------|
| 1. A woman in California has been hailed | a. to his head and torso |
| 2. Her maternal | b. the young victim |
| 3. She fought off the wild animal | c. juvenile |
| 4. The boy suffered bites and lacerations | d. with her bare fists |
| 5. He is expected to make | e. skills |
| 6. the mountain lion was a | f. a hero |
| 7. practising its hunting | g. scientists |
| 8. forensics | h. lethal tranquilizer |
| 9. blood with a DNA profile that matched | i. instincts kicked in |
| 10. It was shot with a non- | j. a full recovery |

GAP FILL

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

A woman in California has been (1) _____ a hero after fighting off a mountain lion that was carrying away her five-year-old son. Her maternal (2) _____ kicked in as she dragged her little boy from the jaws of the big cat. She fought off the wild animal with her (3) _____ fists in the garden of her house on Thursday morning. Her son had been playing in the garden when the lion (4) _____. The boy suffered bites and lacerations to his head and (5) _____, but is now in a (6) _____ condition in a local hospital. He is expected to make a (7) _____ recovery. Patrick Foy, a spokesperson from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, said: "The true hero of this story is his mom because she (8) _____ saved her son's life."

absolutely

hailed

pounced

stable

full

instincts

torso

bare

Officials reported that the mountain lion was a (9) _____ and was less than a year old. They said the attack probably happened because the creature was young and was practising its (10) _____ skills. They shot a lion near the boy's home that was acting in an "aggressive" (11) _____. The officials later stated: "Wildlife forensics scientists analyzed samples from underneath the (12) _____ of the suspect lion carcass and isolated (13) _____ of human tissue and blood with a (14) _____ profile that matched the young victim." They added: "Results were conclusive that it was the attacking lion that was shot by the wildlife officer on (15) _____." Another mountain lion was found at the scene. It was shot with a non-lethal (16) _____ and released.

hunting

traces

juvenile

scene

claws

tranquilizer

nature

DNA

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) A woman in California has been hailed a hero after _____ mountain lion
 - a. fighting oft a
 - b. fighting offer
 - c. fighting of a
 - d. fighting off a
- 2) maternal instincts kicked in as she dragged her little boy _____
 - a. from the jars
 - b. from the doors
 - c. from the jaws
 - d. from the jabs
- 3) She fought off the wild animal with _____
 - a. her barely fists
 - b. her bares fists
 - c. her bare fists
 - d. her bear fists
- 4) Her son had been playing in the garden when _____
 - a. the lion pounced
 - b. the lion bounced
 - c. the lion pants
 - d. the lion pounds
- 5) is now in a stable condition in a local hospital. He is expected to make _____
 - a. a full recoveries
 - b. a full recovery
 - c. a full recover
 - d. a full recovering
- 6) Officials reported that the mountain lion _____
 - a. was a juvenile
 - b. what a juvenile
 - c. what's a juvenile
 - d. wizard juvenile
- 7) They said the attack probably happened because the _____
 - a. creative was young
 - b. creatures was young
 - c. create chair was young
 - d. creature was young
- 8) They shot a lion near the boy's home that was acting in _____
 - a. on aggression nature
 - b. in aggressive nature
 - c. a aggressively nature
 - d. an aggressive nature
- 9) it was the attacking lion that was shot by the wildlife _____
 - a. officer on seen
 - b. officer on scone
 - c. officer scorning
 - d. officer on scene
- 10) It was shot with a non-lethal _____
 - a. tranquilized and released
 - b. tranquil as a and released
 - c. tranquility and released
 - d. tranquilizer and released

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. Where is the woman from?
2. What does the article say kicked in regarding the mother?
3. Where was the little boy playing when the lion pounced on him?
4. What kind of condition is the little boy in?
5. What did a wildlife official call the mother?
6. How old was the mountain lion?
7. What does the article say the lion was practising?
8. From which part of the lion did scientists take samples?
9. What kind of profile matched the young victim?
10. What did officials shoot a different lion with?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) Where is the woman from?
 - a) Oklahoma
 - b) Nebraska
 - c) California
 - d) North Dakota
- 2) What does the article say kicked in regarding the mother?
 - a) her maternal instincts
 - b) her panic
 - c) her rage
 - d) her autopilot
- 3) Where was the little boy playing when the lion pounced on him?
 - a) in the mountains
 - b) in the desert
 - c) in a local park
 - d) in his garden
- 4) What kind of condition is the little boy in?
 - a) a critical condition
 - b) a stable condition
 - c) a satisfactory condition
 - d) a good condition
- 5) What did a wildlife official call the mother?
 - a) inspirational
 - b) Bob
 - c) a true hero
 - d) beyond brave
- 6) How old was the mountain lion?
 - a) 18 months
 - b) less than a year old
 - c) 3 years
 - d) 10 years
- 7) What does the article say the lion was practising?
 - a) living in the city
 - b) stalking
 - c) foraging alone
 - d) its hunting skills
- 8) From which part of the lion did scientists take samples?
 - a) its teeth
 - b) under its claws
 - c) its fur
 - d) its nose
- 9) What kind of profile matched the young victim?
 - a) a DNS profile
 - b) a personal profile
 - c) a victim profile
 - d) an animal profile
- 10) What did officials shoot a different lion with?
 - a) a dart
 - b) a taser
 - c) a big net
 - d) a non-lethal tranquilizer

ROLE PLAY

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

Role A – Lions

You think lions are the most dangerous animals. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their animals aren't as dangerous. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): sharks, crocodiles or snakes.

Role B – Sharks

You think sharks are the most dangerous animals. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their animals aren't as dangerous. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): lions, crocodiles or snakes.

Role C – Crocodiles

You think crocodiles are the most dangerous animals. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their animals aren't as dangerous. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): sharks, lions or snakes.

Role D – Snakes

You think snakes are the most dangerous animals. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their animals aren't as dangerous. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): sharks, crocodiles or lions.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'hero' and 'mother'.

hero	mother
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• hailed• kicked• garden• suffered• now• true	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• less• skills• nature• tissue• results• non
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MOTHERS SURVEY

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

HERO DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'mother'?
3. Have you ever been a hero?
4. Who are your heroes?
5. Would you fight a mountain lion?
6. What do you think of the mother's actions?
7. Are there any wild animals living near your town?
8. Should the woman be given a medal?
9. What do you know about mountain lions?
10. What advice do you have for the little boy?

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HERO DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'hero'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What would you do if you saw a lion in your garden?
15. Should the officials have killed the lion?
16. What does a forensics scientist do?
17. Would you like to work with wildlife?
18. What is the world's most dangerous animal?
19. Has anyone ever come to your rescue?
20. What questions would you like to ask the mother?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) failed | (b) hailed | (c) mailed | (d) wailed |
| 2. | (a) up | (b) in | (c) on | (d) over |
| 3. | (a) barer | (b) barely | (c) bares | (d) bare |
| 4. | (a) renounced | (b) pounced | (c) trounced | (d) flounced |
| 5. | (a) fresco | (b) lasso | (c) fiasco | (d) torso |
| 6. | (a) relatively | (b) unilaterally | (c) absolutely | (d) verily |
| 7. | (a) juvenile | (b) senile | (c) quartile | (d) futile |
| 8. | (a) on | (b) at | (c) in | (d) by |
| 9. | (a) antlers | (b) tusks | (c) horns | (d) claws |
| 10. | (a) profile | (b) acronym | (c) abbreviation | (d) biography |
| 11. | (a) on | (b) at | (c) by | (d) of |
| 12. | (a) tranquilizer | (b) pill | (c) medicine | (d) lozenge |

SPELLING

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

Paragraph 1

1. Her maternal ctnnitiss kicked in
2. when the lion pcendou
3. The boy suffered bites and Insrctoiaea
4. to his head and oorts
5. in a satebl condition
6. she soellutyba saved her son's life

Paragraph 2

7. the mountain lion was a enjeuilv
8. the eautrerc was young
9. acting in an svgaergeis nature
10. sfrnsieco scientists
11. lion ascacrs
12. a non-lethal qituinzlraer

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () jaws of the big cat. She fought off the wild animal with her bare fists in the garden of her house on Thursday morning. Her son had
- () of human tissue and blood with a DNA profile that matched the young victim." They added: "Results were
- () near the boy's home that was acting in an "aggressive" nature. The officials later stated: "Wildlife forensics
- () Officials reported that the mountain lion was a juvenile and was less than a year old. They said the attack probably
- () hero of this story is his mom because she absolutely saved her son's life."
- () been playing in the garden when the lion pounced. The boy suffered bites and lacerations to his head
- () recovery. Patrick Foy, a spokesperson from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, said: "The true
- (**1**) A woman in California has been hailed a hero after fighting off a mountain lion that was carrying
- () scientists analyzed samples from underneath the claws of the suspect lion carcass and isolated traces
- () conclusive that it was the attacking lion that was shot by the wildlife officer on
- () and torso, but is now in a stable condition in a local hospital. He is expected to make a full
- () scene." Another mountain lion was found at the scene. It was shot with a non-lethal tranquilizer and released.
- () away her five-year-old son. Her maternal instincts kicked in as she dragged her little boy from the
- () happened because the creature was young and was practising its hunting skills. They shot a lion

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. A Californian hero . has woman hailed a been
2. dragged jaws . little its from boy her She
3. his suffered boy to torso . bites The
4. full make expected is recovery . He to a
5. is The his mom . hero story of this
6. was young . The the creature happened because attack
7. the samples analyzed claws . underneath scientists Forensics from
8. young DNA that matched A profile the victim .
9. Results lion . conclusive it attacking the was were
10. tranquilizer It and a released . was with shot

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

A woman in California has been *mailed* / *hailed* a hero after fighting off a mountain lion that was carrying *allay* / *away* her five-year-old son. Her maternal *distinct* / *instincts* kicked in as she dragged her little boy from the jaws of the big cat. She fought *off* / *on* the wild animal with her *bare* / *barely* fists in the garden of her house on Thursday morning. Her son had been playing in the garden when the lion *pouncing* / *pounced*. The boy suffered bites and *alliterations* / *lacerations* to his head and torso, but is now in a *stable* / *staple* condition in a local hospital. He is expected to make a full recovery. Patrick Foy, a spokesperson from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, said: "The true *heroism* / *hero* of this story is his mom because she *absolute* / *absolutely* saved her son's life."

Officials reported that the mountain lion was a *juvenile* / *senile* and was less than a year old. They said the attack probably happened because the creature was young and was practising its *haunting* / *hunting* skills. They shot a lion near the boy's home that was acting *on* / *in* an "aggressive" *mature* / *nature*. The officials later stated: "Wildlife forensics scientists analyzed samples from underneath the claws *of* / *at* the suspect lion carcass and isolated traces of human *issue* / *tissue* and blood with a DNA profile that *matched* / *matchless* the young victim." They added: "Results were *conclusive* / *conclusion* that it was the attacking lion that was shot by the wildlife officer *on* / *in* scene." Another mountain lion was found at the scene. It was shot with a non-lethal *pill* / *tranquilizer* and released.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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_ w_m_n _n C_l_f_rn__ h_s b__n h__l_d _ h_r_ _ft_r
f_ght_ng _ff _ m__nt__n l__n th_t w_s c_rry_ng _w_y
h_r f_v__y__r__ld s_n. H_r m_t_rn_l _nst_ncts k_ck_d
_n _s sh_ dr_gg_d h_r lttl_ b_y fr_m th_ j_ws _f
th_ b_g c_t. Sh_ f_ght _ff th_ w_ld _n_m_l w_th h_r
b_r_ f_sts _n th_ g_rdn _f h_r h__s_ _n Th_rsd_y
m_rn_ng. H_r s_n h_d b__n pl_y_ng _n th_ g_rdn
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b_c__s_ sh_ _bs_l_t_ly s_v_d h_r s_n's l_f_."

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y__ng _nd w_s pr_ct_s_ng _ts h_nt_ng sk_lls. Th_y
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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

a woman in california has been hailed a hero after fighting off a mountain lion that was carrying away her fiveyearold son her maternal instincts kicked in as she dragged her little boy from the jaws of the big cat she fought off the wild animal with her bare fists in the garden of her house on thursday morning her son had been playing in the garden when the lion pounced the boy suffered bites and lacerations to his head and torso but is now in a stable condition in a local hospital he is expected to make a full recovery patrick foy a spokesperson from the california department of fish and wildlife said the true hero of this story is his mom because she absolutely saved her sons life

officials reported that the mountain lion was a juvenile and was less than a year old they said the attack probably happened because the creature was young and was practising its hunting skills they shot a lion near the boys home that was acting in an aggressive nature the officials later 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 young victim they added results were conclusive that it was the attacking lion that was shot by the wildlife officer on scene another mountain lion was found at the scene it was shot with a nonlethal tranquilizer and released

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MOTHERS: Make a poster about mothers. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. HEROISM: Write a magazine article about there being a hero in all of us. Include imaginary interviews with people who believe this and with people who do not believe it.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on mountain lions. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how wild animals and people can co-exist. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c 2. e 3. d 4. a 5. f 6. g 7. b
8. k 9. h 10. i 11. n 12. m 13. j 14. l

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 T 3 T 4 T 5 F 6 F 7 T 8 T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. f	2. d	3. i	4. b	5. a
6. j	7. h	8. c	9. e	10. g

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- California
- Her maternal instincts
- In his garden
- In a stable condition
- A true hero
- Less than a year old
- Its hunting skills
- Under its claws
- A DNA profile
- A non-lethal tranquilizer

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- A Californian woman has been hailed a hero.
- She dragged her little boy from its jaws.
- The boy suffered bites to his torso.
- He is expected to make a full recovery.
- The hero of this story is his mom.
- The attack happened because the creature was young.
- Forensics scientists analyzed samples from underneath the claws.
- A DNA profile that matched the young victim.
- Results were conclusive it was the attacking lion.
- It was shot with a tranquilizer and released.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c 2. a 3. d 4. b 5. c 6. b 7. d 8. b 9. a 10. d

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)