

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

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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!

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