

## EYE OF THE TIGER

by SURVIVOR

**Vocabulary:** idioms**Communication skills:** discussion, debating**Level:** Upper-Intermediate, Advanced

🎵 CD track 5

**Teacher's notes**

1. Let your students share their associations with the word *tiger*.

2. Say to your students that they are going to listen to a song from the sport film 'Rocky III' which is called 'Eye of the Tiger'. Why is it called so? What is it about? Play the song for the 1<sup>st</sup> time and let your class listen to it and decide. – *It's about sport, survival, willingness to win and / or to stay alive.*

3. Do ex. 1. Listen and check the answers.

4. Now, turn to ex. 2. Play the song again. Students should fill in the gaps. Check the answers.

5. Explain that in the lyrics there are a lot of idioms about sport and people's character. Do ex. 3. Check the answers.

6. As a post-listening activity you can organize a discussion on topic 'Survival in a modern world'. Some questions to discuss:

1) *What does the word survival mean now? To stay alive physically or to succeed? 2) What can one do to survive and what is not allowed to? 3) Is it possible for a modern person to survive in the wild? Give some examples. What happened to these people after then?*

7. Another post-listening activity is debating on topic 'Sport is never good' (or something less provocative). You can choose any debate format you know (parliamentary, Karl Popper's and so on), but mind that you will need a lot of time to provide such an activity. So, you can at least divide your group into two teams: affirmative and negative, then give them time to find out pros and cons of sport (first individually, then in their teams). Then let the speakers in turns present their team's point of view and answer the opponent questions. Each speaker should give counterarguments to the opponents and restore his or her team's pack.

**Lyrics and answers**

Ex. 1. A – lettuce, b – ham, c sweets, d – fries, e – burger, f – chicken, g – coke, h – toast.

Ex. 2

Risin'up back on the street  
Did my time, took my chances  
Went the distance<sup>1</sup> now I'm back on my feet  
just a man and his will<sup>2</sup> to survive  
so many times it happens too fast  
You trade your passion for glory  
Don't lose your grip on the dreams of the past  
You must fight<sup>3</sup> just to keep them alive

**Chorus:**

It's the Eye of the Tiger  
It's the thrill of the fight  
Rising up to the challenge<sup>4</sup> of our rival<sup>5</sup>  
And the last known survivor  
Stalks his prey in the night

Ex. 3. A-4, B-6, C-5, D-2, E-1, F-3.

And he's watching us all  
with the Eye of the Tiger

Face to face, out in the heat  
Hanging tough, staying hungry  
They stack the odds until we take to the street  
For the kill with the skill to survive

**Chorus**

Rising up straight to the top<sup>6</sup>  
Had the guts, got the glory  
Went the distance<sup>7</sup>, now I'm not gonna stop  
Just a man and his will<sup>8</sup> to survive

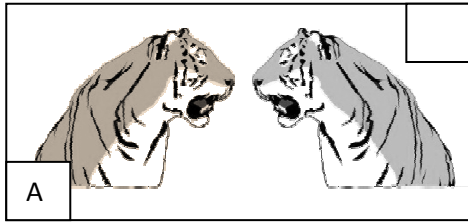
**Chorus**

'Eye of the Tiger' is a song by American rock band Survivor. It was released in May 1982 as a single from their third album *Eye of the Tiger*. It was written at the request of actor Sylvester Stallone and became the theme song for the movie *Rocky III*. It gained tremendous MTV and radio airplay and topped charts worldwide in 1982. It was certified platinum in August 1982 by the RIAA, signifying sales of 2 million vinyl copies, and the song has sold 3 million in digital downloads by March 2012

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1. Write the phrases from the box under a proper picture. Listen to the song and order the pictures.



Stalks his prey, face to face, staying hungry

2. Listen to the song and fill in the gaps with the words you hear.

Rising up back on the street  
 Did my time, took my chances<sup>A</sup>,  
 Went the \_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup> now I'm back on my feet<sup>B</sup>  
 Just a man and his \_\_\_\_\_<sup>2</sup> to survive.  
 So many times it happens too fast,  
 You trade your passion for glory,  
 Don't lose your grip<sup>C</sup> on the dreams of the past,  
 You must \_\_\_\_\_<sup>3</sup> just to keep them alive

**Chorus:** It's the Eye of the Tiger,  
 It's the thrill of the fight,  
 Rising up to the \_\_\_\_\_<sup>4</sup> of our \_\_\_\_\_<sup>5</sup>  
 And the last known survivor  
 Stalks his prey in the night  
 And he's watching us all  
 with the Eye of the Tiger

Face to face, out in the heat,  
 Hanging tough<sup>D</sup>, staying hungry  
 They stack the odds<sup>E</sup> until we take to the street  
 For the kill with the skill to survive

**Chorus**

Rising up straight to the \_\_\_\_\_<sup>6</sup>  
 Had the guts<sup>F</sup>, got the glory,  
 Went the \_\_\_\_\_<sup>7</sup>, now I'm not gonna stop,  
 Just a man and his \_\_\_\_\_<sup>8</sup> to survive

**Chorus**

3. Match the highlighted expressions with their meaning.

1) to create an unfair advantage in a game or competition, 2) to remain firmly resolved, to refuse to change your actions, 3) to possess the courage, 4) to accept the risks, resign oneself to whatever happens, even depending on luck, 5) to lose your ability to control or deal with a situation, 6) to recover, to restore \_A-\_\_B-\_\_C-\_\_D-\_\_E-\_\_F-\_\_

