

Anglais langue seconde Voie B

Lecture – 7e année

Lights Out

Jake was really excited about tonight! His parents were finally letting him stay home alone while they went to the late show at the movies. He planned on watching lots of good TV and gorging on junk food. It was going to be awesome! He'd have the whole couch to himself, and he could stay up till they got home around midnight.

Later on that evening, as his parents were saying they'd see him after the movie, Jake gathered up his TV watching supplies and settled in to watch his favorite shows. Around 10:30, he decided to watch a show he usually never watched alone as it was often quite scary and sometimes gave him bad dreams. Even though he had never watched it by himself, he was pretty sure that he could handle it; after all, he was now old enough and responsible enough to be home alone well into the night.

Well, what a mistake. Tonight's episode was scarier than usual, but that didn't make him turn it off. No way, not him. He was glued to the show and going to watch the whole episode, despite being on the edge of his seat with his hair standing up on the back of his neck. He was, in fact, actually looking forward to his parents' return.

Suddenly, the lights went out. Jake sat in the dark frozen in fear. He knew that it was probably only a power outage, but because of the show, all sorts of crazy ideas were going through his head. He decided he needed some light, so he went in search of a flashlight. He was headed for the kitchen when, suddenly, he felt a hand clamp down on his shoulder. He screamed at the top of his lungs in fright and turned around slowly.

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1. Why was Jake left alone at home?

2. During his parents' absence, what kinds of things and activities did Jake plan on doing?

3. What made the lights going out scarier for Jake?

4. In your own words, explain the meaning of the word "gorging".

5. Choose one of the following words that best describes “clamp down” as found in the following sentence: *He was headed for the kitchen when, suddenly, he felt a hand clamp down on his shoulder.*
- a. Shove
 - b. Grip
 - c. Touch
 - d. Brush

6. If you were settling down to watch TV for the evening, list three items you would gather. Explain your choices.

7. If your parents left you alone for an evening, what would you do in their absence?

8. If you could continue the story, what would happen next?

EXAMPLE