

# **TEAS 7 READING FILE**

## **LATEST UPDATE FOR 2023**

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**Except from a suspense novel**

**Shia looked up from his monitor, rubbed his eyes, and stared down the dark hallway toward the CFO's office. He was certain a sound had come from behind the closed door. It was a heavy thump, like someone had dropped a bowling ball.**

**There shouldn't be anyone else here at this hour, Shia thought to himself as he looked at his watch. The only illumination came from Shia's computer monitor. His office was on the thirtieth floor, far too high to get more than a faint glow from the street lights below. Shia slowly stood up before reaching down to turn off the computer screen, hoping to hide in the darkness. He considered turning on his phone's flashlight, but his thoughts were cut short by a loud crash followed by the unmistakable ticking of shattered glass.**

**Shia froze, as if he were caught by the gaze of medusa. The initial doubt that he would actually find someone snooping around the CFO's office had turned to an icy fear that gripped his lungs and would not let him breathe. His heart was pounding loudly in his ears: he knew whoever was in his boss's office must be able to hear.**

**Another crash, followed by a loud howl that he was sure couldn't be human shocked Shia into motion. He broke into a run, in the opposite direction. He sprinted for the emergency stairwell and rushed downward, jumping over**

1. Which of the following contains only key points of the passage?

- There are frightening noises in the office, Shia goes home, Shia sends his boss a text.
- There is a thump like a dropped bowling ball, aloud crash, and the tinkling of shattered glass
- Shia is working at his computer, there is a little light, and no one else should be in the building
- Shia is working late, he hears mysterious noises, and he is frightened enough to leave work.

2. Which of the following is the topic excerpt?

- A mysterious experience from work
- A building with poor lighting and security
- An employee who is easily scared
- A boss's expectations of an employee

3. Which of the following is tone of the passage?

- Witty
- Incredulous
- Aggressive
- Tense

4. Which of the following from the passage supports the conclusion that the passage takes place in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?