

WHAT ARE YOU AFRAID OF?

1- You might have a fear of dogs if you have ever been bitten by one. However, if you avoid walking down streets where you think there might be a dog, you may have a phobia, which is an irrational reaction to an object or situation that is not necessary dangerous. A person whose fear has started to change his or her life probably has a phobia. Different surveys say that between ten and eighty percent of us have at least one phobia.

2- Flying may be the safest way to travel, but many people are scared of doing it. Fear of heights is also very common – even Spider-Man actor Tobey Maguire can't stand them. However, Tobey is not afraid of spiders, which are the creatures that most people are afraid of. Someone who is terrified of spiders is Rupert Grint, who plays Ron Weasley in the Harry Potter films. In one scene of the film, we come into the spider's hollow, where we meet Aragog – a spider that is the size of an elephant and really scary. I'm really scared of spiders, he said. J.K. Rowling, who wrote the Harry Potter books, also shares his phobia.

3- Cats are cuddly for most of us, but apparently not for such powerful figures in history as Alexander the Great, Genghis Khan, and Napoleon Bonaparte, who all shared a fear of felines. Actor Nicole Kidman says: "I'm not scared of snakes or spiders, but I'm scared of butterflies. Sometimes when I came home from school the biggest butterfly you'd ever seen would be just sitting on our front gate. I would climb over the fence, crawl around to the side of the house – anything to avoid having to go through the front gate." Clowns are not so funny for actor Johnny Depp, whose childhood memory of their 'painted faces and fake smiles' still terrifies him.

**COMPREHENSION**

**A- Read the article and put the sentences A-C into each paragraph: (3pnts)**

- 1- There are some people whose phobias are more unusual.
- 2- What is the difference between a fear and a phobia?
- 3- You can probably guess what some of the most popular phobias are.

**B- Read the article again and answer the questions: (3pnts)**

- 1- According to the article, what does the word phobia mean?

- 2- What are these people afraid of?

- Alexander the Great
- Nicole Kidman

- 3- How many people have phobias?

**C- Find the synonyms of these words in the text (4pnts)**

- Illogical (paragraph1) : .....
- Secure (paragraph2) : .....
- Very scared (paragraph2) : .....
- Not real (paragraph3) : .....

**GRAMMAR**

**B Circle the correct words.**

- 1 The ~~post offices~~ are really high in that new clothes shop.
- 2 If you order things from a catalogue, don't forget that they may ~~change~~ ~~accept~~ for delivery.
- 3 Did you see the ~~dropping~~ ~~shooting~~ stars last night?
- 4 A lot of planets have moons which ~~bring~~ ~~have~~ them.

**C** Use the words in capitals at the end of each sentence to make words which fit in the spaces.

- 1 A photograph from Mars is the main \_\_\_\_\_ at the new exhibition at the science museum. *ATTRACT*
- 2 My life was very \_\_\_\_\_ after I'd won the lottery. *DIFFERENCE*
- 3 The main \_\_\_\_\_ of working for the emergency services is that you have to work long hours. *ADVANTAGE*
- 4 All public buildings have \_\_\_\_\_ which tell you what to do if there is a fire. *INSTRUCT*

**D** Complete the words.

- 1 This is something that has been copied to trick people. f \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 This is the money used in a country. c \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 This is a piece of paper with printed information. l \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 You do this when you save somebody from danger. r \_\_\_\_\_

**E** Complete the sentences with the correct form of these phrasal verbs.

change into    come to    cut out    hand over    pay back    pay into  
save up    stick together    take out    try on

- 1 Some banks will give you interest on the money you \_\_\_\_\_ your account.
- 2 I don't have to \_\_\_\_\_ my student loan until I get a job.
- 3 There is a card which you can use to \_\_\_\_\_ money \_\_\_\_\_ of the bank at any time.
- 4 Helen is \_\_\_\_\_ to buy a set of books on astronomy at the moment.
- 5 I couldn't believe it when the cashier told me my shopping \_\_\_\_\_ over a hundred pounds!
- 6 I want to \_\_\_\_\_ some pounds \_\_\_\_\_ euros for my trip to Austria.

**F** Circle the correct words.

- 1 I think that people can / will be able to live on other planets in the future.
- 2 You don't have to / mustn't have a credit card if you want to go shopping.
- 3 Mark can't decide / to decide whether he wants to join the police force or the fire brigade.
- 4 You can / have to train hard to become an astronaut.
- 5 Ken can / couldn't open a new shop because the bank wouldn't lend him the money.
- 6 We must / can leave early to go to the planetarium on Saturday; it's a two-hour drive.

**G** Match the beginnings of the sentences to their endings.

**Beginnings**

- 1 If John gets a new telescope, ....
- 2 If Ian gets good marks at school, ....
- 3 If there were a programme about space travel on TV, ....
- 4 If Linda goes to the shops, ....
- 5 If Jenny goes to London, ....
- 6 If Claire had enough money, ....
- 7 If they had a supermarket nearby, ....
- 8 If Carol and Graham earn a lot of money this year, ....

**Endings**

- a she will visit the Planetarium.
- b she would go to the US and visit NASA.
- c he will join the police force.
- d he will put it in his bedroom.
- e Kelly would watch it.
- f she will spend all her money.
- g they will have a big wedding.
- h it would be easier to do the shopping.

**H** In each sentence there is a word that is not needed. Circle the extra word.

- 1 We only have a little of milk left, so can you get some when you go to the supermarket?
- 2 The both of the astronauts were trained at NASA.
- 3 Most of my friends all enjoy going shopping at the weekends.
- 4 The John trained as a lifeguard last summer.

**WRITING**

Imagine you have travelled to the moon in a space rocket. Write a description of the trip. (100-120 words)