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# 10 COMMON FEARS



Questions: *What things are you afraid of? Why?*

- Complete the 10 sentences with the words on the left.



Are you afraid of snakes or spiders? Don't feel bad if you are – many people are afraid of something. In fact, about 10% of adults have some kind of phobia. A phobia is a very strong fear of something that causes you to become dizzy, breathe faster, or maybe even feel sick. Here are 10 common phobias.

1. **Arachnophobia** is the fear of spiders.  
People with this fear are afraid to look at or be near small eight-legged animals.
2. **Agoraphobia** is the fear of \_\_\_\_\_. People with this fear are afraid to be in places with many other people.
3. **Trypanophobia** is the fear of \_\_\_\_\_. If you have this phobia you probably also don't like to visit a doctor.
4. **Cynophobia**, or the fear of \_\_\_\_\_, means that you probably prefer to have a cat as a pet.
5. **Mysophobia**, the fear of dirt and \_\_\_\_\_ means that you probably wash your hands a lot.
6. **Nyctophobia** is the fear of \_\_\_\_\_. People with this fear like to leave the lights on at night.
7. **Acrophobia** is the fear of \_\_\_\_\_. People with this fear don't live in tall buildings.
8. **Pteromerhanophobia** is difficult to pronounce! It is the fear of \_\_\_\_\_ in airplanes.
9. **Astraphobia** is the fear of \_\_\_\_\_ and lightening that you can hear and see during storms.
10. **Ophidiophobia** is the fear of \_\_\_\_\_, animals with long bodies and no legs.

- C** crowds *n.*
- D** the dark *n.*
- dogs *n.*
- F** flying *n.*
- G** germs *n.*
- H** heights *n.*
- N** needles *n.*
- S** snakes *n.*
- spiders *n.*
- T** thunder *n.*

**Aim** Supplementary vocabulary building; reading

**Level** Advanced

**Time** Approximately 15 – 20 minutes

**ANSWER KEY***My Notes*

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