PHOBIA

Do you get scared easily? What is your worst fear?

DEFINITION

Phobia is an anxiety disorder which is characterized by a strong feeling of being afraid of someone or something. Phobia comes from the Greek word "phobos" which means "fear".

-Phobia is a suffix attached to a word to form a noun that means fear of someone or something. The name given to most phobias are taken from the Greek word of the object of the fear.

VOCABULARY

Identify each phobia. Choices are provided.

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- 1. Hydrophobia
- 2. Xenophobia
- 3. Zoophobia
- 4. Acrophobia
- 5. Claustrophobia
- 6. Pyrophobia

- a. Fear of animals.
- b. Fear of closed spaces
- c. Fear of fire
- d. Fear of heights
- e. Fear of foreigners or strangers
- f. Fear of water



LANGUAGE POINT

PREPOSITIONS: OF, TO, FOR			
	USES	EXAMPLES	
OF	 to express belonging to or relating to to express reference to express an amount or number 	 That's the house <u>of</u> the old woman who passed away a week ago. You get a discount <u>of</u> 50% at Macy's. I had only 3 hours <u>of</u> sleep last night. 	
то	 to express the direction of someone or something to express a limit to express relationship to express time 	 Kim and I went to the cinema last night. The infection has spread to his lower back. Motivation is the key to success. I work nine to five, five days a week. 	
FOR	1. to express the use of something2. to mean because of3. to express duration	 James is preparing <u>for</u> his exams. For some reason, I couldn't do it. I studied English <u>for</u> two years. 	
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PRACTICE

Complete the sentences below by choosing the correct preposition from the choices provided in the parenthesis.

- 1. I've always been afraid (of, to, for) flying but that trip (of, to, for) Maldives makes me want to fly back!
- 2. I only slept (of, to, for) 2 hours last night because (of, to, for) the horror movie marathon we had.
- 3. I'd go over there but I forgot the name (of, to, for) your street. I'm frightened (of, to, for) losing my way.
- 4. I was scared (of, to, for) death seeing a dead man being resuscitated in front (of, to, for) me.
- 5. He wrote it (of, to, for) the people who couldn't pluck up the courage (of, to, for) conquer their fears.

SPEAKING

What do you usually do when you see something you are scared of? How do you feel? What usually happens to you?