

# 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.

### A

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

### B

- 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
<b>OF</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. to express belonging to or relating to</li> <li>2. to express reference</li> <li>3. to express an amount or number</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That's the house <u>of</u> the old woman who passed away a week ago.</li> <li>2. You get a discount <u>of</u> 50% at Macy's.</li> <li>3. I had only 3 hours <u>of</u> sleep last night.</li> </ol>
<b>TO</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. to express the direction of someone or something</li> <li>2. to express a limit</li> <li>3. to express relationship</li> <li>4. to express time</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Kim and I went <u>to</u> the cinema last night.</li> <li>2. The infection has spread <u>to</u> his lower back.</li> <li>3. Motivation is the key <u>to</u> success.</li> <li>4. I work nine <u>to</u> five, five days a week.</li> </ol>
<b>FOR</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. to express the use of something</li> <li>2. to mean because of</li> <li>3. to express duration</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. James is preparing <u>for</u> his exams.</li> <li>2. <u>For</u> some reason, I couldn't do it.</li> <li>3. I studied English <u>for</u> two years.</li> </ol>

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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?