

# Phobias: Are You Scared of Anything?

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Almost everyone is afraid of something and most of the time these fears keep us safe. However, some fears are stronger than usual and become phobias. The word phobia comes from a Greek word meaning "to be frightened." Arachnophobia, or fear of spiders, is one of the more common phobias. Here are some others:

Agoraphobia—the fear being in open spaces

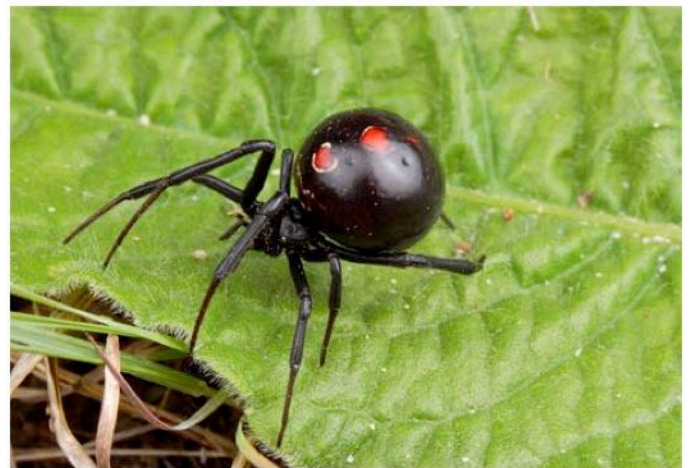
Coulrophobia—the fear of clowns

Glossophobia—the fear of speaking in public

Nosophobia—the fear of catching a disease

Acrophobia—the fear of heights

Phasmophobia—the fear of ghosts



Some people are afraid of things that seem very unusual.

Triskaidekaphobia—the fear of the number 13

Zoophobia—the fear of animals

Amathophobia—the fear of dust

Macrophobia—the fear of long waits

Chromophobia—the fear of colors

Do you have any phobias?



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  - C. Frightened
  - D. Smiling
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  - C. To be scared
  - D. To be frightened
3. The fear of catching a disease is a phobia called, \_\_\_\_\_.
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  - B. Acrophobia
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  - D. Heightsphobia
4. If a person has Coulrophobia, you will NOT find them here:
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  - B. At the zoo
  - C. At a haunted house
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5. A person who has Acrophobia, has a fear of \_\_\_\_\_.
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