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## **Level 0**

# **Britons most afraid of heights and snakes**

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**Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

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A survey shows what British people are afraid of. Top of the list is high places. Over half of people said they were afraid of heights. Second was a fear of snakes and third was public speaking. Other things include spiders, mice, blood, flying, and being in small spaces. Number ten was the fear of clowns.

Over 2,000 people answered questions about fears. There were big differences between men and women, and between old and young people. Women were afraid of more things than men. Spiders scare 33% of men and 52% of women. Young people are more afraid of public speaking. Older people are more afraid of heights.

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# VOCABULARY MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1403/140328-phobias-0.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                |                         |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. A survey shows what British | a. of heights           |
| 2. Top of                      | b. places               |
| 3. high                        | c. half                 |
| 4. Over                        | d. the list             |
| 5. they were afraid            | e. speaking             |
| 6. Second was a                | f. spaces               |
| 7. public                      | g. fear of snakes       |
| 8. being in small              | h. people are afraid of |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                               |                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Over 2,000 people answered | a. of more things |
| 2. There were big             | b. afraid         |
| 3. between old and            | c. differences    |
| 4. Women were afraid          | d. people         |
| 5. Spiders scare              | e. young people   |
| 6. Young people are more      | f. speaking       |
| 7. public                     | g. questions      |
| 8. Older                      | h. 33% of men     |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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(1) \_\_\_\_\_ British people are afraid of. Top of the (2) \_\_\_\_\_. Over half of people said they were afraid of heights. (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of snakes and third was public speaking. Other (4) \_\_\_\_\_ spiders, (5) \_\_\_\_\_, and being in small spaces. Number ten was (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

Over 2,000 people (7) \_\_\_\_\_ about fears. There were (8) \_\_\_\_\_ between men and women, and between (9) \_\_\_\_\_ people. Women were afraid of more things than men. Spiders (10) \_\_\_\_\_ men and 52% of women. Young (11) \_\_\_\_\_ afraid of public speaking. (12) \_\_\_\_\_ more afraid of heights.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) \_\_\_\_\_
- c) \_\_\_\_\_
- d) \_\_\_\_\_
- e) \_\_\_\_\_
- f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) \_\_\_\_\_
- c) \_\_\_\_\_
- d) \_\_\_\_\_
- e) \_\_\_\_\_
- f) \_\_\_\_\_

