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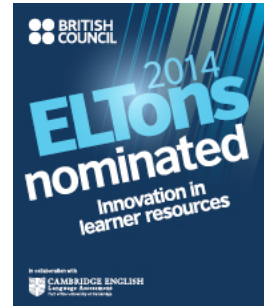
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## Level 1

# Britons most afraid of heights and snakes

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1403/140328-phobias-1.html>

A survey from a U.K. company shows what British people are most afraid of. Top of the list is heights. Over half of people said they had a fear of heights. In second place was a fear of snakes. The third biggest fear was public speaking. Twenty per cent of people were "very afraid" of speaking in public. Other things include spiders, mice, injections, blood, flying, and being in small spaces. Number 10 on the list was the fear of clowns.

Over 2,000 people answered questions about common phobias. There were big differences between men and women, and between old and young people. The researchers said not everyone is "created equal when it comes to fears". Women were afraid of more things than men. Spiders scare a third of men and about half 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-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. A survey from             | a. spaces           |
| 2. Top of                    | b. were very afraid |
| 3. In second                 | c. a U.K. company   |
| 4. Twenty per cent of people | d. on the list      |
| 5. speaking in               | e. spiders          |
| 6. Other things include      | f. the list         |
| 7. being in small            | g. place            |
| 8. Number 10                 | h. public           |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Over 2,000 people       | a. young people       |
| 2. common                  | b. big differences    |
| 3. There were              | c. speaking           |
| 4. old and                 | d. equal              |
| 5. not everyone is created | e. answered questions |
| 6. Women were afraid       | f. of men             |
| 7. a third                 | g. phobias            |
| 8. public                  | h. of more things     |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1403/140328-phobias-1.html>

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ U.K. company shows what British people are most afraid of. (2) \_\_\_\_\_ heights. Over half of people (3) \_\_\_\_\_ fear of heights. In second place was a fear of snakes. The third biggest fear was public speaking. Twenty per cent (4) \_\_\_\_\_ "very afraid" of (5) \_\_\_\_\_. Other things include spiders, mice, injections, blood, flying, and being in small spaces. Number 10 (6) \_\_\_\_\_ the fear of clowns. Over 2,000 (7) \_\_\_\_\_ about common phobias. There (8) \_\_\_\_\_ between men and women, and between old and young people. The researchers said not everyone (9) \_\_\_\_\_ when it comes to fears". Women (10) \_\_\_\_\_ things than men. Spiders (11) \_\_\_\_\_ and about half of women. Young people are more afraid (12) \_\_\_\_\_. Older people are 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)

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b)

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c)

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d)

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e)

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f)

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g)

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h)

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# WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a)

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b)

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c)

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d)

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e)

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f)

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g)

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h)

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