

**Fears and phobias**

For each of the six questions choose the **one** correct answer.

1. I'm frightened of snakes, I mean they're dangerous and they look so \_\_\_\_\_ too.
  - a. scaring
  - b. scared
  - c. scary
  - d. scare
  
2. Which of the following is an insulting word for someone who is easily frightened? - used especially by children
  - a. scaredy-dog
  - b. scaredy-mouse
  - c. scaredy-fish
  - d. scaredy-cat
  
3. She's absolutely \_\_\_\_\_ of spiders, she can't even look at them.
  - a. terrifying
  - b. terrify
  - c. up
  - d. terrified
  
4. Ayuko can't travel on the metro, she has to take the bus - she suffers from \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. claustrophobia
  - b. agoraphobia
  - c. arachnophobia
  - d. acrophobia
  
5. He said he had seen a ghost, and it's true, his face was as white as \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. snow
  - b. a sheet
  - c. flour
  - d. chalk
  
6. I'm absolutely \_\_\_\_\_ of roller coasters, I just don't get why people like them.
  - a. frightened
  - b. scared
  - c. afraid
  - d. terrified

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### Answers

#### 1:

- a. 'Scaring' is the present participle of the verb. An adjective is needed here.
- b. If snakes look 'scared' it would mean the snakes felt frightened.
- c. **Correct.** You feel 'scared' because something is 'scary'.
- d. 'Scare' is the verb. An adjective is needed here.

#### 2:

- a. The phrase 'scaredy-dog' is not used.
- b. The phrase 'scaredy-mouse' is not used.
- c. The phrase 'scaredy-fish' is not used.
- d. **Correct** - Scaredy-cat is correct.

#### 3:

- a. 'Terrifying' is a property of the noun being described, not your reaction to it.
- b. 'Terrify' is the verb, an adjective is needed here.
- c. 'Terror' is the noun, an adjective is needed here.
- d. **Correct** - Spiders are terrifying, she was terrified.

#### 4:

- a. **Correct** - Claustrophobia is an irrational fear of small, enclosed places.
- b. Agoraphobia is an irrational fear of wide open spaces.
- c. Arachnophobia is an irrational fear of spiders
- d. Acrophobia is an irrational fear of high places

#### 5:

- a. The phrase 'As white as snow' is not used.
- b. **Correct** - If you are scared you might go 'as white as a sheet.'
- c. The phrase 'As white as flour' is not used.
- d. The phrase 'As white as chalk' is not used.

#### 6:

- a. Absolutely + frightened don't go together as frightened is not an extreme (strong) adjective.
- b. Absolutely + scared don't go together as scared is not an extreme (strong) adjective.
- c. Absolutely + afraid don't go together as afraid is not an extreme (strong) adjective.
- d. **Correct** - Absolutely + terrified go together as terrified is an extreme (strong) adjective.