



This week...

Scott suggests to Tina they go bungee jumping on the weekend. Tina reveals to Scott that she has Acrophobia, the fear of heights.

Lesson Targets

- Learning about phobias
- Talking about fears

Daily English Conversation

Advanced Class

Warm Up – Topic Question



Do you suffer from any phobias?

Picture Description

Who is the dentist talking to?



A



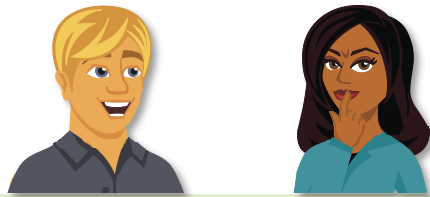
B

What is in the microwave oven?



C

Why is she so scared?



Scott	Hey Tina, I was thinking about doing something exciting this weekend. Do you want to come with me?
Tina	What do you plan on doing?
Scott	I want to drive to Mt. Fuji.
Tina	Driving to Mt. Fuji sounds nice, but I wouldn't say that it is exciting.
Scott	A friend of mine who loves extreme sports told me there is a place to go bungee jumping there.
Tina	I'm afraid I won't be able to do that with you.
Scott	Why not? It will be fun!
Tina	To be honest, I suffer from acrophobia.
Scott	Acrophobia. I have never heard of that before. What is it?
Tina	It's the fear of heights.

I'm afraid I won't be able to go skydiving with you on the weekend.

1. I want to drive to
2. I'm afraid I won't be able to
3. To be honest,
4. I suffer from



Student A and Student B are talking about the phobias they suffer from as well as the phobias friends and family members suffer from.



A: Do you suffer from any phobias?

B: To be honest, I suffer from

Continue the conversation using the **Key Phrases** and the **Phobias** from below.

Key Phrases

- Have you suffered from that for a long time?
- Do you have any other fears?
- Do any of your friends or family members suffer from any phobias?
- I have suffered from that since
- My suffers from
- *Other*

Phobias

- Arachnophobia - the fear of spiders
- Acrophobia - the fear of heights
- Claustrophobia - the fear of small spaces
- Aerophobia - the fear of flying
- Cynophobia - the fear of dogs
- Astraphobia - the fear of thunder/lightning
- Ophidiophobia - the fear of snakes
- *Other phobias/fears*

True or False

* Choose a topic below and tell a short story that is either true or not true. The other students in the class and the teacher ask one question each about the story. Then they guess whether your story is true or false.



1. I am really scared of insects and spiders.
2. I really want to try bungee jumping or skydiving.
3. One of my family members suffers from a phobia.

1. Coulrophobia is the fear of what?

- A:** fear of bright lights
- B:** fear of bright colors
- C:** fear of people
- D:** fear of clowns

2. If someone is afraid of small spaces, what phobia do they have?

- A:** Mysophobia
- B:** Dentophobia
- C:** Claustrophobia
- D:** Radiophobia

3. Some people are afraid of flying. What is this phobia called?

- A:** Aquaphobia
- B:** Aerophobia
- C:** Acrophobia
- D:** Cynophobia

4. What is autophobia the fear of?

- A:** the fear of traffic
- B:** the fear of cars
- C:** the fear of machines
- D:** the fear of isolation



- What are some things which many people are afraid of?
- What was the most frightening experience you've ever had?
- When you were a child, what things were you afraid of?

- exciting - *I think it will be **exciting** to try skydiving.*
- extreme - *He really enjoys doing **extreme** sports.*
- fear - *What is your biggest **fear**?*
- fun - *I want to try bungee jumping. It looks like **fun**.*
- honest - *To be **honest**, I don't like high places.*
- scared - *I am really **scared** of spiders.*
- suffer - *I **suffer** from headaches and back pain.*
- won't - *I **won't** be able to go with you tomorrow.*