



## 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

**Super Class**

## Warm Up – Topic Question



Do you suffer from any phobias?

# Picture Description

Who is the dentist talking to?

A



B



C





\* Choose the most appropriate meaning of the word from the four options.

## 1. exciting

- discouraging
- humdrum
- exhilarating
- mundane

## 2. suffer

- endure
- surrender
- mitigate
- alleviate

## 3. honest

- deceitful
- calculating
- astute
- candid

## 4. fear

- fortitude
- contentment
- dread
- stimulus

## 5. phobia

- affection
- sympathy
- esteem
- aversion

## 6. disapprove

- reject
- sanction
- privilege
- commend



<b>Scott</b>	Hey Tina, I was thinking about doing something exciting this weekend, and I would love for you to come with me.
<b>Tina</b>	Really? What do you want to do?
<b>Scott</b>	I want to drive to Mt. Fuji.
<b>Tina</b>	Driving to Mt. Fuji sounds nice, but <b>I wouldn't say that it is exciting.</b>
<b>Scott</b>	Well, a friend of mine who is an <b>adrenaline junkie</b> told me there is a place to go bungee jumping there.
<b>Tina</b>	I'm afraid I won't be able to do that with you.
<b>Scott</b>	Why not? It will be fun!
<b>Tina</b>	To be honest, <b>I suffer from</b> acrophobia.
<b>Scott</b>	Acrophobia. I have never heard of that before. What is it?
<b>Tina</b>	<b>It's the fear of</b> heights.



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

## Key Phrases

- Do you suffer from any phobias?
- 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?
- To be honest, I suffer from ....
- 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*



- What was the most frightening experience that you've ever had?
- When you were a child, what things were you afraid of?
- Have you overcome any of your fears?



Phobias can sometimes control how a person lives their life.

A

Agree

B

Disagree





## American Slang

- **nuts** – crazy  
You are completely **nuts** if you think I am going to go skydiving with you.
- **flip out** – to lose control of yourself  
He completely **flipped out** when he saw the tarantula.



## Australian Slang

- **dead set** – certain; indisputable  
I am **dead set** against going bungee jumping!
- **hooley dooley** – an exclamation of surprise  
**Hooley dooley**, this building is so high. I'm afraid to look down.



## British Slang

- **off your trolley** – gone crazy  
You're **off your trolley** if you think I'm going to jump out of a plane with you.
- **blimey** – an exclamation of surprise  
**Blimey!** Did you see the huge spider under the sofa?