I am not afraid of death, I just don't want to be there when it happens.
Woody Allen, American movie director

I've been afraid of it for years

1 VOCABULARY phobias and words related to fear

a Complete the phobias with the missing vowels. Then match them with the definitions.

1 *agoraphobia*	[b]	a fear of spiders
2 cl__ __str__ph__b__ __	[ ]	b fear of open spaces
3 __r__chn__ph__b__ __	[ ]	c fear of heights
4 gl__ss__ph__b__ __	[ ]	d fear of closed spaces
5 __cr__ph__b__ __	[ ]	e fear of public speaking

b Complete the sentences with a suitable word.

1 Are you fr*ightened* of snakes? A lot of people are.
2 I'm very sc_____ of spiders. I don't like them much.
3 If you suffer from a f_____ of flying, you can't travel by plane.
4 My sister is te_____ of big dogs. She always crosses the street if she sees one.
5 My children don't like swimming. They're a_____ of water.
6 Elena has a ph_____ of insects. She never goes to the country.

2 GRAMMAR present perfect + *for* and *since*

a Circle the correct word to complete each sentence.

1 Jess hasn't flown on a plane **for** / **since** many years.
2 I haven't seen my parents **for** / **since** my birthday.
3 He hasn't ridden a horse **for** / **since** he fell off one when he was twelve.
4 We've had our rabbit **for** / **since** six months.
5 My grandmother has agoraphobia. She hasn't left the house **for** / **since** two years.
6 I've been afraid of dogs **for** / **since** I was very young.
7 Tomo is sick. He hasn't eaten **for** / **since** two days.
8 We haven't been back there **for** / **since** the accident happened.

b Complete the text with *for* and *since*.

A celebrity's life

Kristen Stewart, actress

Kristen Stewart has been a famous actress [1] __*for*__ about five years now. She has been an actress [2] _____ she was eight years old, when her agent saw her performing at school. Her first role was in a movie where she didn't speak, but [3] _____ then she has been in many movies. She is probably best known for playing Bella Swan in *The Twilight Saga*, a part which she has played [4] _____ four years.

Kristen has lived in Los Angeles [5] _____ she was born. Because she was acting at a young age, she couldn't go to school, so she studied online. [6] _____ then, she has completed high school. She is now one of the best-paid actresses in Hollywood.

Something many people don't know about Kristen is that she has equinophobia, or a fear of horses. She has had this problem [7] _____ most of her life, but her fans have only known about it [8] _____ 2012, when she was making a movie with horses. Kristen explained that she has been scared of them [9] _____ she was nine years old, when she fell off a horse durning a riding accident.

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c Complete the questions about Kristen Stewart. Use *How long* or *When* and the verb in parentheses.

1 *When did* Kristen Stewart *start* acting? (start)
When she was eight.

2 _____ she _____ the part of Bella Swan? (play)
For four years.

3 _____ Kristen _____ in Los Angeles? (live)
Since she was born.

4 _____ Kristen _____ equinophobia? (have)
For most of her life.

5 _____ fans _____ about her phobia? (hear)
In 2012.

d Right (✓) or wrong (✗)? Correct the mistakes in the **bold** phrases.

1 **Nina hates flying** since she was a child.
Nina has hated flying _____.

2 **How long time** has your brother been an actor?
_____?

3 **We've been married** since 2000.
_____.

4 He's been in the US **for February**.
_____.

5 How long **do you have** your dog?
_____?

6 He's had this job **since eight years**.
_____.

7 I've had four cars **since I learned to drive**.
_____.

8 **She's known Victoria** since they were at school.
_____.

3 PRONUNCIATION sentence stress

iChecker Listen and repeat the sentences. Copy the rhythm.

1 **How long** have you **worked here**?
2 **How long** have they **been married**?
3 **How long** has she **known** him?
4 **We've lived** here for **six months**.
5 I've **studied English** for **three years**.
6 He's had a **phobia since** he was a **child**.

4 LISTENING

a iChecker Listen to a radio call-in program about phobias. What is cynophobia?

b iChecker Listen again and choose the correct answers.

1 The caller is worried about…
a her pet.
(b) someone in her family.
c her phobia.

2 The dog bit…
a the neighbor.
b the caller.
c the caller's son.

3 The caller wants some advice about…
a preventing a phobia.
b keeping dogs.
c treating a phobia.

4 The psychologist tells the caller…
a to keep her son away from dogs.
b to talk about her son's experience with him.
c to let her son play with a friend's dog.

USEFUL WORDS AND PHRASES

Learn these words and phrases.

cure /kyʊr/
drug /drʌg/
heights /haɪts/
overcome (a fear) /oʊvərˈkʌm/
panic /ˈpænɪk/
afraid /əˈfreɪd/
frightened /ˈfraɪtnd/
rational (opp *irrational*) /ˈræʃənl/
scared /skɛrd/
terrified /ˈtɛrəfaɪd/
affect (somebody / something) (verb) /əˈfɛkt/
have an effect on (somebody / something) /hæv ən ɪˈfɛkt ɑn/

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