

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.

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| 1 a g o r a p h o b i a | ☒ b | a fear of spiders |
| 2 cl _ str _ ph _ b _ _ | ☐ b | b fear of open spaces |
| 3 _ r _ chn _ ph _ b _ _ | ☐ c | c fear of heights |
| 4 gl _ ss _ ph _ b _ _ | ☐ d | d fear of closed spaces |
| 5 _ cr _ ph _ b _ _ | ☐ e | e fear of public speaking |

b Complete the sentences with a suitable word.

- 1 Are you *frightened* 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 *since* 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 *since* 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 *for* four years.

Kristen has lived in Los Angeles ⁵ *since* she was born. Because she was acting at a young age, she couldn't go to school, so she studied online.

⁶ *Since* 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 *since* most of her life, but her fans have only known about it ⁸ *since* 2012, when she was making a movie with horses. Kristen explained that she has been scared of them ⁹ *since* she was nine years old, when she fell off a horse during a riding accident.

- 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) /ˈræʃənəl/
 scared /skɛrd/
 terrified /ˈterəfaɪd/
 affect (somebody / something) (verb) /əˈfekt/
 have an effect on (somebody / something) /hæv ən ɪˈfekt ən/