



I am not afraid of death; I just don't want to be there when it happens

Woody Allen, American movie director

## Famous fears and phobias

### 1 VOCABULARY phobias

Complete the sentences.

- 1 Another word for afraid is f *rightened* \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 If you are very afraid, you are t \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 Two insects that a lot of people are afraid of are  
b \_\_\_\_\_ and s \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 When some people are afraid, they p \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 If you suffer from claustrophobia, it means that  
you don't like being in c \_\_\_\_\_  
s \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 People who are afraid of h \_\_\_\_\_ don't like  
going up tall buildings.

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

a Circle the correct word, *for* or *since*, to complete each sentence.

- 1 I've been afraid of spiders *for* / *since* I was ten.
- 2 She's been afraid of flying *for* / *since* many years.
- 3 I've had this watch *for* / *since* three months.
- 4 We haven't been back there *for* / *since* the accident happened.
- 5 **A** How long have you been here?  
**B** *For* / *Since* ten o'clock. I've been waiting *for* / *since* two hours.
- 6 They haven't slept *for* / *since* the baby was born!
- 7 He hasn't ridden a horse *for* / *since* he fell off one when he was twelve.
- 8 **A** How long have you known your husband?  
**B** *For* / *Since* ages! We met when we were 19 and have been together *for* / *since* then.

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



I've had three different homes <sup>1</sup> since I was born. My family and I lived in a small apartment <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the first five years of my life. Then we moved to a larger one after my second sister was born. My parents have lived there <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ then. They don't want to move anywhere else because they love the area.

I moved out when I got engaged, and I've lived in a small house in the country <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the last seven years. My husband and I have been married <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ almost five years now, and we're expecting our second child soon. We already have a daughter – it was her second

birthday yesterday – and so we're hoping for a son this time. I've been pregnant <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ February.

I've been a professional photographer <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ nearly six years now and I love it. I worked for *Newsweek* <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ four years, and I've been a freelancer <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ I left. I prefer working for myself, although I miss all the fun of working in an office – and the gossip of course!

My favorite camera is my old Nikon 601. I've had it <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ my 21st birthday. I must have taken about twenty thousand photos with it, and it still works perfectly!

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

1 *How long have* her parents lived in the area?  
(live)

They've lived there since her sister was born.

2 \_\_\_\_\_ Martha \_\_\_\_\_? (move out)

When she got engaged.

3 \_\_\_\_\_ she and her husband \_\_\_\_\_  
married? (be)

For almost five years.

4 \_\_\_\_\_ she \_\_\_\_\_ pregnant? (be)

Since February.

5 \_\_\_\_\_ she \_\_\_\_\_ a professional  
photographer? (become)

Nearly six years ago.

6 \_\_\_\_\_ she \_\_\_\_\_ a freelancer? (be)

Since she left *Newsweek*.

7 \_\_\_\_\_ she \_\_\_\_\_ her Nikon 601? (get)

She got it for her 21st birthday.

d Correct the mistake in each sentence.

1 Jun lives here for seven years.

*Jun has lived here for seven years.*

2 How long is she a professional dancer?

\_\_\_\_\_?

3 They were married since 2000.

\_\_\_\_\_.

4 He has been in Chile for February.

\_\_\_\_\_.

5 How long do you have your car?

\_\_\_\_\_?

6 He's had this job since eight years.

\_\_\_\_\_.

7 She has three homes since she was born.

\_\_\_\_\_.

8 My parents live in the same house for many years.

\_\_\_\_\_.