We're all afraid...

Famous people have phobias like the rest of us, and sometimes they seriously affect their lives.

Winona Ryder, American actress

Winona Ryder has been afraid of ____ since 1983. When she was 12 years old she fell into a lake and nearly died. Luckily someone pulled her out, and after a few minutes she came back to life again. It can be a real problem when she's making a film. For example, in some of the scenes in *Alien III*, she had to go in a boat and she was terrified.

Rupert Grint, British actor

Rupert Grint has been afraid of ____ since he was a child. In this respect he is like the character he played in the *Harry Potter* films, Ron Weasley, who is also frightened of them. Rupert had a very hard time in the second *Harry Potter* film where he and Harry had to fight a giant one (the size of an elephant) with very hairy legs!

Dennis Bergkamp, ex-international footballer

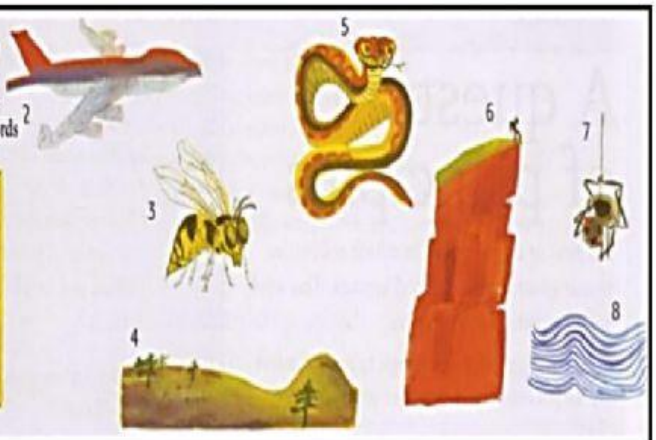
Dennis Bergkamp has been afraid of ____ since 1994. He was on a plane in the USA with the Dutch national team during the World Cup. A journalist said that there was a bomb on the plane (there wasn't), and everybody started to panic, including Dennis. He decided never to travel by plane again. Because of his fear Bergkamp could not play in many important matches for Holland, Inter Milan, and Arsenal.

1 READING & VOCABULARY

a Match the words with the pictures.

b Complete the text with these words

- flying ☐
- heights ☐
- closed spaces ☐
- open spaces ☐
- snakes ☐
- spiders ☐
- wasps ☐
- water ☐



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

a Read about Winona Ryder again and answer the questions.

When did she begin to be afraid of water?
In ____.

Is she afraid of water now? YES/NO

b Complete the answers with a year or a number of years.

How long has she been afraid of water?
She has been afraid of water **since** ____.
She has been afraid of water **for** ____ years.

c Complete the rule with *for* and *since*.

Use ____ with a period of time.
Use ____ with a point in time.

present perfect + *for* and *since*

A Where do you live now?	B In Manchester.
A **How long have you lived** there?	B **I've lived** there **since** 1990.
A Where do you work?	B In a primary school.
A **How long have you worked** there?	B **I've worked** there **for** five years.

- Use the present perfect + *for* or *since* to talk about actions and states which started in the past and are still true now.
  I've lived in Manchester since 1990. = I came to live in Manchester in 1990 and I live in Manchester now.
- Use *How long?* to ask questions about the duration of an action or a state.