

08 - VOCABULARY: WORDS RELATED TO FEARS



To be scared/frightened/terrified of + noun Alice **is scared of** heights. He**'s frightened of** spiders. They**'re terrified of** exams.

Passive form: Heights scare Alice. Dogs terrify me. Loud noises always frighten him.

To get a fright She **gets a fright** every time she hears a dog bark. I **got** such **a fright** when I saw the mouse.

To have/have got a fear of + noun

I've a real fear of speaking in public. He's got a fear of horses.

feel uneasy: "I felt a bit uneasy when I walked home in the dark."

spooked: "My cats are easily spooked before a thunderstorm."

terrified: "She was absolutely terrified when she heard the noise."

petrified: "The building began to shake and we were all petrified."

He can't go in lifts because he's **claustrophobic**" (he suffers from claustrophobia)

I **got the fright of my life** when she crept up behind me and shouted "Boo!"