

Kid Scoop

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What scares you?

Halloween PHOBIAS

A phobia (pronounced FO-bee-uh) is an extreme fear of something. Are these things you should really fear, or are they things that just need a little more understanding?

A fear of pumpkins is called **cucurbitophobia!**

A fear of ghosts is called **spectrophobia!**

Follow the maze. The letters along the correct path spell the word for the fear of bats!

Write the letters in these circles.

GO [C] [V] [H] [S] [L] [A] [I] [X] [P] [Y] [O] [B] [K] [R] [P] [H] [T] [Z] [C] [T] [B] [A] END

- A =
- B =
- D =
- E =
- H =
- I =
- K =
- O =
- P =
- R =
- S =
- T =

Is the number 13 bad luck?

Some people consider the number 13 to be bad luck. They worry whenever the 13th of the month falls on a Friday. Floor buttons in some elevators skip the number 13, going right from 12 to 14. Use the code at left to discover the name for this phobia.

T

[S] [P] [H] [G] [B] [A] [K] [O] [P] [R] [S] [T] [L] [I] [M] [C] [R] [D] [A]

Web Walkers

They're creepy and crawly. And every one of the 40,000 types of spiders (arachnids) in the world have fangs and venom. But most spider venom won't really harm people. The fear of spiders is called **arachnophobia**.

If you just can't stand spiders, there's really only one continent on Earth that is spider-free. (You'd better bring a heavy coat, though). Circle every third letter to find out the name of this continent.

J S A B G N V W T N P
A C X R V S C K L T
B R I G M C R D A

A

Unscramble the letters!

Vampires have a lot of phobias! **Alliumphobia** is the fear of:

[] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []

IRAGLC

How many bats are on this page?

Cut out the four puzzle pieces below. Put them together to discover another phobia.

Extra! Extra!

Spooky Search

Look through the newspaper to find:

- the scariest item you see
- a pumpkin
- a black cat
- a spider
- a word that rhymes with ghost
- a word containing the letters B-O-O

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Clowning Around

Clowns are all about silliness and fun, right? **Right?** Well, if clowns freak you out, your fear is known as **coulrophobia**. Set your fears aside and see if you can find the two identical clowns!

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Catoptrophobia is a fear of mirrors. How many differences can you find between this creature and its reflection?

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Kid Scoop Word Search

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

PUMPKINS
HALLOWEEN
CLOWNS
VAMPIRES
CREEPY
GHOSTS
LUCK
BATS
VENOM
CAT
COAT
WEB
FEAR
WORRY
LOT

B R Y R R O W B E W
T N C S T S O H G S
C H A L L O W E E N
O R V T O R L B Q I
A L E K F W U A M K
T Z C E L E N T O P
V U A B P O A S N M
L P T J N Y T R E U
W S E R I P M A V P

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

Phantom Letters

Look through the newspaper to find words where the letters **ph** are blended to make the sound **f**. List these words and then create sentences using these words. Then see if you can do the same exercise with the letters **gh** blended to make the sound **f**.

What's even more amazing than a talking bat?

ANSWER: A spelling bee!

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