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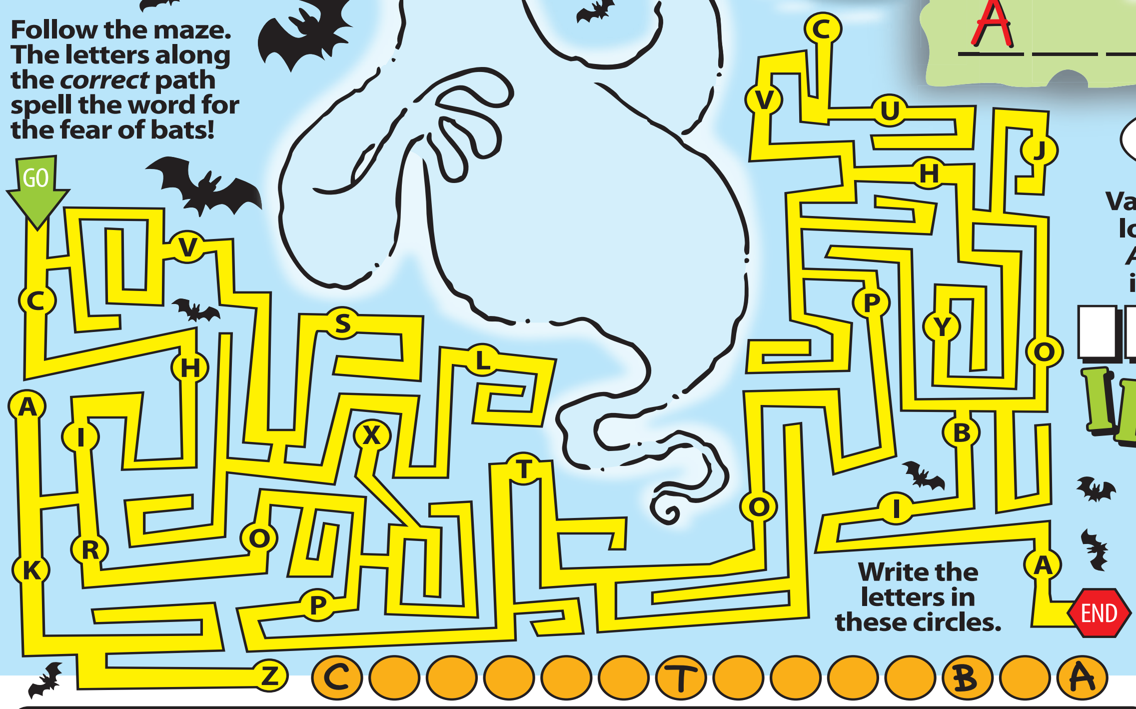
What scares you?

# 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?

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

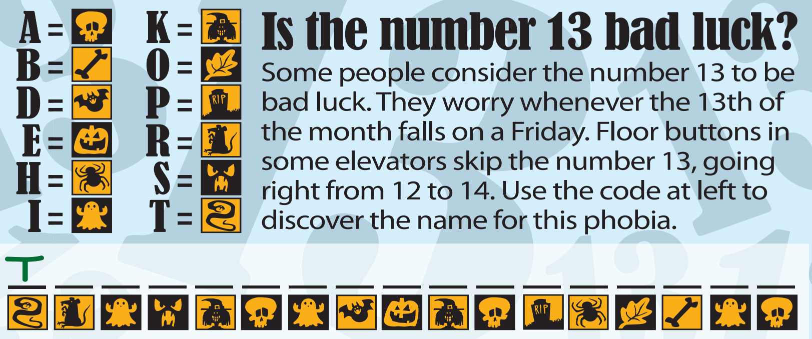



**Write the letters in these circles.**

C ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ T ○ ○ ○ ○ B ○ A

## 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.




## 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 _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

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

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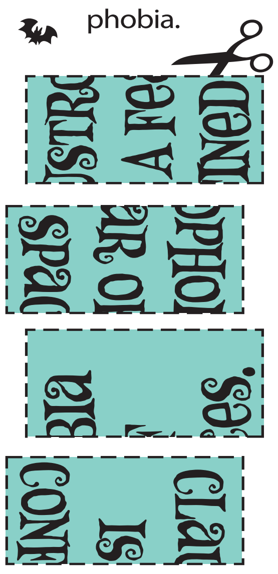
IRAGLC

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.

## Kid Scoop Together: Great Big Words

Work with a parent to fill in the missing letters on each line. The circled letters spell the gigantic word that means the fear of gigantic words!

1. ○ _ _ _ Y
2. T _ ○ _ K
3. ○ _ _ S _ _ C
4. ○ _ A _
5. Y _ _ _ ○ _
6. ○ I _ _ O
7. L ○ _ _
8. _ O _ _ ○ O
9. F _ ○ _ _
10. ○ O _ _ Y
11. _ _ L _ ○ W _ _
12. ○ _ _ E
13. _ I _ ○
14. G _ A _ ○
15. _ A ○
16. _ _ _ _ ○ _
17. _ _ ○ T
18. ○ _ _ _ H _ _ _
19. _ L _ ○ _
20. ○ _ _ _ _
21. ○ M _ _ _ _ _ A
22. _ _ N _ ○ _
23. _ ○
24. M _ N S T ○ _ S
25. ○ _ _ _ _
26. _ L _ _ _ ○
27. ○ _ U _ H
28. W ○ _ _
29. _ C _ ○ P _ _
30. ○ _ _ _ E
31. _ _ G ○
32. _ ○ _ _ I N
33. ○ _ _ _
34. W ○ _
35. ○ N _ W _ _

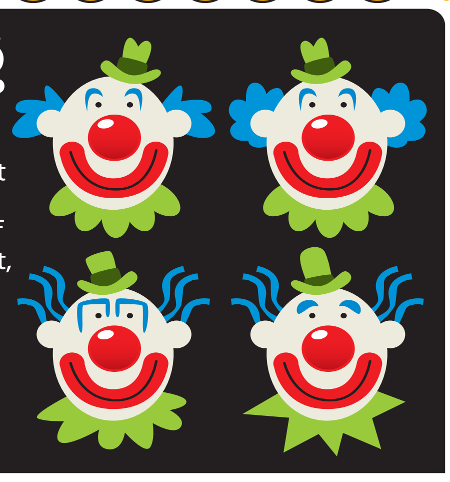
### CLUES

1. Opposite of SAD
2. What your brain does
3. Credit cards are made of this
4. Opposite of WORK
5. The color of lemons
6. A heavy musical instrument
7. Opposite of SHORT
8. Main ketchup ingredient
9. You sweep it with a broom
10. Another word for MOTHER
11. Opposite of LEADER
12. Opposite of SOME
13. The sound a snake makes
14. Lives above the beanstalk
15. Short name for automobile
16. You sleep on this
17. Actors in a show
18. Large mammal with a trunk
19. Fragile drinkware
20. Female royalty
21. Use this when it rains
22. You write or draw with this
23. Opposite of DOWN
24. Werewolves, vampires, etc.
25. Moving to the music
26. Largest U.S. state
27. Caused by something funny
28. A lot of this during storms
29. Eight-armed sea animal
30. Short name for telephone
31. Opposite of LOW
32. Where Dracula sleeps
33. Short name for a bicycle
34. Opposite of LOSE
35. Response to a question

**ANSWER:** Hippopotomonstrosesquipedaliophobia

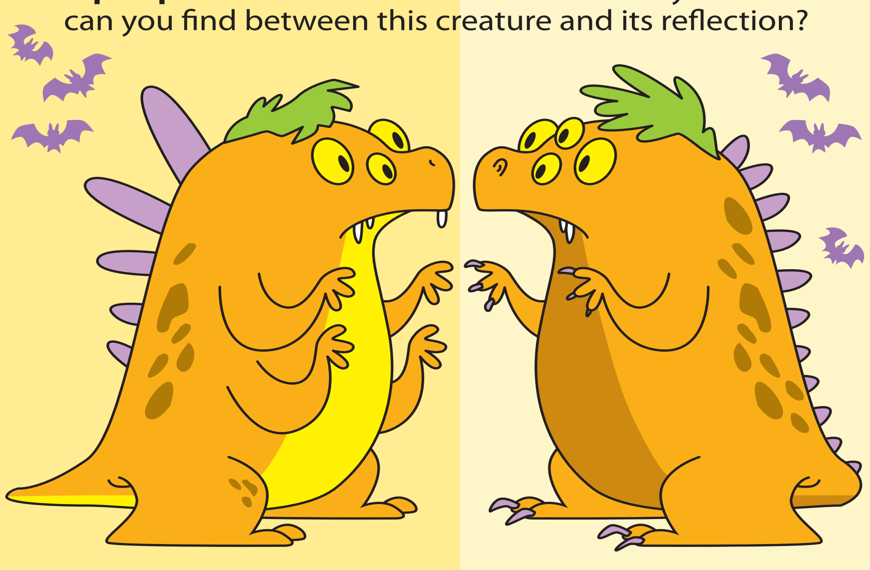
## Clowning Around

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

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

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

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 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 Kid Scoop 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!

## Write On! Costume Ideas

Come up with a costume idea for a Halloween costume and give directions on how to make it. Use your imagination!

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