

MASTERING ENGLISH VOCABULARY USING ROOT WORDS: PART 24

PHOBIA -

A **phobia** is an excessive and irrational fear reaction.

The following are the important words which are related to fear:

1. **ACROPHOBIA** (noun) - an intense fear of heights. (Acro means top, peak).
2. **AEROPHOBIA** (noun) - fear of air.
3. **ANOREXIA** (noun) - it is the fear of getting fat that makes young girls stop eating, resulting in harmful effects.
4. **AGORAPHOBIA** (noun) - a rare type of anxiety disorder. It is the fear that prevents a person from getting out into the world - fear of large, open spaces; crowds.
5. **CLAUSTROPHOBIA** (noun) - the fear of being confined to small places, closed spaces like elevators.
6. **KLEPTOMANIA** (noun) - compulsive desire to steal without regard for need or profit.
7. **NECROPHOBIA** (noun) - it is the fear of dead bodies.
 - Necro is a Greek word which means death.
8. **ZOOPHOBIA** (noun) - it is the fear of animals. (Zoo refers to animals).
9. **XENOPHOBIA** (noun) - fear and hatred of strangers or foreigners.
10. **NYCTOPHOBIA** (noun) - it's the extreme fear of night or darkness.
 - In Greek mythology, Nyx is the Goddess of the night.
11. **LOGOMANIA** (noun) - abnormal talkativeness.
12. **OCHLOPHOBIA** (noun) - extreme or irrational fear of crowds. (Ochlo means crowd).
13. **THANATOPHOBIA** (noun) - it's the fear of death.
14. **HYDROPHOBIA** (noun) - it's the fear of water. (Hydro means water).
15. **GERAPHOBIA** (noun) - it means fear of old age.
 - In Greek mythology, Geras was the God of old age and son of Nyx.