

Is there something you are afraid of?



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I am scared of a lot of animals! I am scared of snakes, spiders, dogs, cats, roosters, owls, eagles, sharks, octopuses, wolves, foxes, bees, and alligators. I am also scared when I get a shot. I am scared to go to the dentist. I wish I wasn't scared of these things.

Ingri Francisco, 2nd, Nickelsville Elementary, Mrs. Gilmer

I am afraid of spiders. I am terrified of them, especially tarantulas because they are so hairy and big. They also have little stick things on their legs that are poisonous. I wish I weren't afraid of them because they are just little insects.

Addison Gilbert, 6th, Elydale Middle, Mrs. Yeary

I am afraid of clowns, but I wish I wasn't. I think clowns look creepy. You can't tell who they are because of their painted faces. Their big red noses are loud. Clowns are creepy and I am afraid of them.

Jessey Johnson, 2nd, Hilton Elementary, Ms. Edwards

Something that I am afraid of is needles. I hate getting shots. The first time I had to get bloodwork done, I had a panic attack.

Rebecca Bigge, 7th, Jonesville Middle, Mrs. Brooks

Something that I am afraid of is a great white shark. They are very, very, very big. I wish I was not afraid of them because their name is cool, and they eat bad fish! Also, they have a great sense of smell.

Paisley Harer, 2nd, Rock Springs Elementary, Mrs. Charlton

Have you ever been scared of drowning? I can tell you a story on why I'm scared of water, want to know? Okay, so once I was camping, there was a big waterfall. So, I was without a life jacket, tubing. I did not think I would fall. Then, my uncle accidentally pulled me off. Then I was waving my arms, and thankfully my older cousin that's really tall and was next to me grabbed my arm, and I got some air. Now, I know to wear a life jacket, but I am still scared of drowning.

Cameron Sessoms, 5th, Ketron Elementary, Mrs. Amyx



I'm afraid of many things, but something I wish I wasn't would be not being good enough. I shouldn't care about what other people think of me, confidence is key. Well, I think that but I don't do that. I always need to be perfect, but no one's perfect. I always wonder, is my clothing good enough? Are my grades good enough? Is my hair good enough? It makes a big impact on me though, so that's what I wish I wasn't afraid of.

Emily Akers, 6th, Jonesville Middle, Mrs. Austin

I really don't like snakes, so this is how I kind of got rid of my fear of snakes. I once went on a field trip and one of our activities was holding a real snake. I thought that I was going to faint, but I actually held it for a few seconds then passed it on to my classmate. He was really freaking out and so was I. I thought he was going to throw it at me, but he didn't. Then at the end, I wanted to hold it again. That's how I kind of got rid of my fear of snakes.

Saphira Shell, 4th, Miller Perry Elementary, Ms. Jeffers

I'm afraid of stinkbugs. They are so scary, they look so creepy, and they stink so bad! I wish I wasn't scared of them because it's embarrassing in public being scared of them. Even though they are a really tiny bug they are still super scary to me.

Dani Lindsay, 6th, Pennington Middle, Ms. Lambert

I am scared of skating. I tried skating once and almost skinned my whole leg. I think it's cool, but scary at the same time. I really like watching people skate though. I don't like being scared of it. Lilly Quillen, 3rd, Shoemaker Elementary, Mrs. Johnson

One thing I am afraid of is snakes. I am afraid of snakes because they carry poison. Also snakes bite and I am sure that a bite would hurt. I think snakes may also have teeth so the bite could be deadly. I am afraid of all kinds of snakes, big or little. I wish I was not afraid of snakes so I could walk around the yard freely.

Ava Underwood, 6th, Elydale Middle, Mrs. Smith

I am afraid of rollercoasters. They are very big and fast. Maybe one day when I am big, I won't be afraid.

Carson Sykes, 2nd, Nickelsville, Elementary, Mrs. Gilmer

I am afraid of the dark, but I wish I wasn't. There could be spooky ghosts in the dark. There are spooky shadows in my room. I'm scared people drive up like ghosts. These things make me scared.

Pairlee Brooks, 2nd, Hilton Elementary, Ms. Edwards

I am afraid of vampires because they suck people's blood. They give me nightmares! They are very creepy! That's what I'm afraid of.

Terrence Rafalowski, 2nd, Rock Springs Elementary, Mrs. Charlton

I wish I wasn't afraid of heights. Every time I get too high on something, I start shaking and get lightheaded. One thing I do to get over it is think of something that is low to the ground. It helps me think of something other than how high I am. It lets me think of something other than where I am. I love rollercoasters but it's like free falls and stuff like that that just make me nervous. I don't know why but parasailing, freefalls, and zip lines scare me. When I went on a zip line, it was scary. Lacole Lawson, 7th, Jonesville Middle, Mrs. Taylor

My biggest fear is being alone. When I was the new kid at Rose Hill Elementary, I didn't have friends for weeks. Today, I do have many friends, but I still have the fear of being alone. I wish I didn't have this fear because it might make me seem childish. But people have their own fears and we are all different.

Madelyn Wires, 6th, Elydale Middle, Mrs. Yeary

The thing I'm afraid of and wish I was not afraid of is my fear of heights. One reason is because it makes me afraid of planes. Another reason is because it makes me afraid of high up rope courses. Fear of heights is called acrophobia. Those two things are why I wish I didn't have a fear of heights.

Alistair Sanders, 4th, Miller Perry Elementary, Ms. Jeffers

I wish I was not afraid of the sea because I think are sea monsters. I wish I were not afraid of sea monsters.

Wyatt, Deirth, 6th, Pennington Middle, Ms. Lambert

I am afraid of power outages. When it is so dark outside, you can't see anything. Everything turns off like the phone, lighting, and refrigerator. It gets so cold and all the heaters will not work. That is why I hate power outages!

Rowan Bright, 3rd, Shoemaker Elementary, Mrs. Johnson

Although I am not afraid of many things, the one thing I am afraid of is getting my heart broken. The reason I am afraid of getting my heart broken is that it hurts for a long time. I have been heartbroken many times for different reasons and it always makes me feel sad and alone. It takes my heart a long time to recover. It is an internal conflict I have with myself. I need to guard my heart so that I do not get heartbroken again. I wish I was not afraid of getting heartbroken because it scares me

Sabrina Eldridge, 6th, Elydale Middle, Mrs. Smith

Some things I'm afraid of are tight places, extremely dark places, and rejection. First, I'm afraid of tight spaces because I'm claustrophobic which means I'm afraid of tight spaces. Next, I'm scared of extremely dark places, because when it's dark I don't know what is lurking in the dark. Lastly, I'm scared of rejection because it makes me worried that I am not being good enough. I wish that I was not afraid of these things.

Cameron Arnold, 5th, Ketron Elementary, Mrs. Amyx

A few things I'm scared of are dogs, falling off of horses, and my closet. First is my dogs because they have attacked me before. Plus, they are very big dogs, so I am scared of them. Second, I'm scared to fall off a horse because I fell off a pony and a horse before, and I fractured 6 bones in my leg. Even though they are my favorite animal and they are cute, they are still dangerous. Last but not least, my closet. I had the closet doors open and while I was sitting in my room. I thought I heard something. I went to check it out and nothing was there. Then my other closet was closed and it opened by itself. This made me scared to stay in my room. I wish I was not scared of these things. Are you scared of anything?

Frances Davis, 5th, Ketron Elementary, Mrs. Amyx