Halloween – Time for Fear and Fright!





A Word Root Lesson on phob = fear

Phob is a great word root for Halloween as it means fear or to be afraid. This root produces many words that end in phobe (one who fears) and phobia (fear of …). See if you can match the person with the fear (Hint: the root odont(o) means "tooth, teeth"):

A person who …

should not become a dentist. _____

should not build closets for a living. _____

should do not become a trapeze artist. _____

is not a fan of Spiderman movies. _____

a. claustrophobe

b. acrophobe

c. arachnophobe

d. odontophobe

Now change all the **fearful** people in the box above into their fear:

a. arachnophobe: _____

b. acrophobe: _____

c. claustrophobe: _____

d. odontophobe: _____

Name your Fear

Do you have something you are afraid of? Try making a name for it using the phobia word root. Here are a couple examples:

Pumpkinphobia

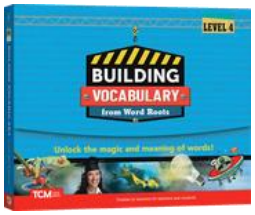
Spinachphobia

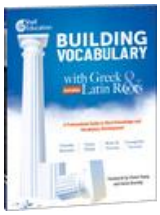
Photophobia (could have more than one meaning)

The Only Thing We Have to Fear…

When Franklin D. Roosevelt became president at the height of the Great Depression, he told Americans that "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself, nameless, unreasoning, unjustified terror which paralyzes needed efforts to convert retreat into advance."

What do you think he meant by being afraid of fear?





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