

Phobia wordsearch

The word phobia comes from the Greek *phobos* (φόβος), meaning “fear”. The names of many phobias come from Greek. Below are a list of phobias that originate from Greek and that have been changed letter by letter from the English alphabet into the Greek alphabet. How many can you find?

η π ο γ β ν φ τ ξ ψ ζ θ γ κ α ι π ο ν λ
ξ σ α π α γ ο ρ α φ ο β ι α ν γ δ φ δ σ
ε φ ι γ ω δ κ ι ν α ο α ρ γ α φ σ ι κ β
σ σ ο α ν ι π σ υ π γ ι π μ ρ α κ τ σ χ
ν ι ε β χ ν υ κ τ ο φ ο β ι α ψ τ ζ φ ξ
ε π μ δ ι λ ε α φ τ θ ο ν φ χ ο μ ψ ο θ
φ υ ε λ ψ α μ ι ν ω φ υ π ρ ν ε θ α β ζ
ο δ φ ρ π θ ξ δ ψ φ η σ ι μ ο ν α π ι γ
φ σ δ α χ α ζ ε μ η ο ι δ ω φ ο ρ α α η
ο α κ ξ β ν μ κ ν μ ε ν α σ ο ω π λ ε ν
β φ η λ δ ι π α λ ο δ κ ζ θ β ν χ λ ρ μ
ι ω ρ ι σ α η φ ι σ φ ν α η ι δ φ α ξ β
α μ λ κ π ρ σ ο τ ι χ ο ζ ξ α ι σ ξ π σ
ν α κ ρ ο φ ο β ι α ψ κ β φ η δ φ ζ σ ρ
σ ι ρ ω ζ α γ ι ρ ψ φ ο β ι α γ ρ ψ θ ο
κ ξ η γ φ δ η α ε λ ι π μ α α η κ ε η ι

τρισκαίδεκαφοβία (triskaidekaphobia) = fear of the number 13, from the Greek for the number 13 (τρεισκαίδεκα / *triskaideka* = three (*treis*) and (*kai*) ten (*deka*)!)

ακροφοβία (acrophobia) = fear of heights, from the Greek for “height, extremity” (ἄκρον / *akron*)

ξενοφοβία (xenophobia) = fear of strangers, from the Greek for “stranger/friend” (ξένος / *xenos*)

αγοραφοβία (agoraphobia) = fear of open or crowded spaces, from the Greek for “assembly/market place” (ἀγορά / *agora*)

νυκτοφοβία (nyctophobia) = fear of the night, from the Greek for “night” (νύξ / *nyx*)

νεφοφοβία (nephophobia) = fear of clouds, from the Greek for “cloud” (νέφος / *nepfos*)

αραχνοφοβία (arachnophobia) = fear of spiders, from the Greek for “spider” (ἀράχνης / *arachnēs*)