

Pronunciation: Mark each word with an S or a Z depending on which sound you hear at the end of the word.

plays	bus	advise	apples	lose	lice	prize
was	ladies	geese	lies	niece	buzz	place
ease	boys	rows	rose	grass	lips	loss
house	close (opposite of open)	yes	close (very near)	shoes	boots	knees

Practical English Usage

We say "I am afraid." more often than "I am fearful." We NEVER say, "I have fear."

Though afraid usually refers to fear, we also use afraid to mean I'm sorry. EX: I'm afraid we have sold out of all the Big Bird dolls. I'm afraid there's been an accident.

We don't use "afraid" before a noun. NEVER: John is an afraid man. We can say, "John is a frightened man".

We can say, "I fear spiders and snakes." BUT to use "afraid" the structure is different. EX: I am afraid of spiders and snakes.

We use expressions with fear:

EX: His dad put the fear of God into him. This means he punished him or threatened to punish him so harshly that he was afraid to misbehave again.

EX: Never fear. I am here to save you. This simply means don't be afraid.

DISCUSS: What are the things you fear? What were you most fearful of when you thought of living in the U.S.? As a child, what were you afraid of? What animals are you most afraid of?

IDIOMS

1- afraid of one's own shadow A person who is afraid of his/her own shadow is very nervous or easily frightened.

I've never seen anyone so easily scared. She's afraid of her own shadow!

2- make your blood run cold If something makes your blood run cold, it shocks or scares you a lot.

The look in the prisoner's eye made my blood run cold!

3- heart skipped a beat If your heart skips a beat, you have sudden feeling of fear or excitement.

When the lights suddenly went out, my heart skipped a beat.

4- heebie-jeebies A state of apprehension, nervousness or anxiety is called the heebie-jeebies.

Having to go down to the apartment garage late at night gives me the heebie-jeebies.

5- scare out of one's wits If something scares you out of your wits, it makes you very frightened or worried.

The feeling that a house is haunted can scare people out of their wits.

6- scared stiff Someone who is scared stiff is so frightened that they are unable to move.

I was scared stiff when I heard the sound of breaking glass.

TALK FOR TWO MINUTES ON ONE OF THESE TOPICS.

1. What do you consider to be the most important room in a house? Why is this room more important to you than any other room? Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.

2. A gift (such as a camera, a soccer ball, or an animal) can contribute to a child's development. What gift would you give to help a child develop? Why? Use reasons and specific examples to support your choice.

3. Some people enjoy change, and they look forward to new experiences. Others like their lives to stay the same, and they do not change their usual habits. Compare these two approaches to life. Which approach do you prefer? Explain why.

4. Every generation of people is different in important ways. How is your generation different from your parents generation? Use specific reasons and examples to explain your answer.