

The School Play

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What do you **F E A R** most?

KEY IDEA Have you ever jumped at the sight of a harmless bug? Or, maybe you have waited a long time to ride a roller coaster only to change your mind when it was your turn? The things that frighten people range from big to small, from living to nonliving, from the seen to the unseen. In “The School Play,” a student struggles to overcome a **fear** many people face.

SURVEY What are you most afraid of? Some of the most common fears people have are listed in the survey. Rank the fears from one to ten, with one being the thing you are most afraid of. Then survey the class to find out what is the most common fear in your classroom.

SURVEY

FACE YOUR FEARS!

Rank the following fears to see what scares you the most:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Heights | <input type="checkbox"/> Failing a Test |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spiders and Insects | <input type="checkbox"/> Being Bullied |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Being in the Dark | <input type="checkbox"/> Airplane Rides |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dentists | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Speaking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thunder and Lightning | <input type="checkbox"/> Being in a Crowd |

