

## What should we be afraid of?

### 1. How can you say that you're afraid?

#### I'M AFRAID

### 2. Complete sentences with correct words from the box.

scenario	petrifying	terrifies	slightly
dread	chance	feel	apprehensive
			seriously

- I ..... to think what would happen if we faced another world war.
- I rate the ..... of an asteroid hitting Earth as fairly low.
- It ..... me that the risk of a nuclear war rises.
- The sudden outbreak of a widespread epidemic is a nightmare .....
- I don't take an alien invasion ..... as there is a very low probability of such an event.
- I'm terribly ..... about the future with scarce water resources.
- I'm just ..... worried that a huge volcanic explosion could happen soon.
- I find a gigantic earthquake that could affect millions of people overwhelmingly .....
- I would ..... uneasy about the future if I lived in tsunami-stricken areas.



### 3. Discuss the sentences from the previous exercise. Do you agree or disagree with them? Why?

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4. In a moment, you'll watch an interview with Bill Gates titled "What Bill Gates is afraid of". What do you think he dreads most?

5. Now, watch a [short interview with Bill Gates](http://bit.ly/WhatWorriesBill)

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a) What are the chances of an epidemic worse than Ebola according to Bill Gates in his lifetime?

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b) What are the two types of flus?

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c) Why is the Spanish flu called this way?

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d) Why would any epidemic nowadays spread quicker than in the 20<sup>th</sup> century?

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e) How big of an investment in preparing for an epidemic can make a difference?

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6. What do the following phrases mean?

- a widespread disease
- an outbreak of flu
- an infectious disease
- the immune system
- polio/malaria eradication

7. Discuss the questions below.

- Do you agree with Bill Gates that we should be afraid of an outbreak of some epidemic? Why/why not?
- Do you think that globally we're prepared for such infectious diseases?
- What can be done to stop the spread of a disease globally in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?

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8. Rewrite the sentences using adjectives from the list below so that the second sentence has a similar meaning to the original one.

unstoppable

justifiable

believable

likely

unacceptable

feasible

inevitable

debatable

improbable

**Example:**

*There might not be a solution to stop climate change.*

*Climate change might be **unstoppable**.*

a) It's hard to believe in your story and I think you've made it up.

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b) Our manager thinks this goal can be achieved.

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c) There are different opinions whether a university degree helps to find a good job.

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d) It is certain that the company will be closed next year.

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e) A good lawyer would never give such advice.

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f) We will never tolerate such a behaviour.

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g) Doing that seems reasonable and you shouldn't worry about the consequences.

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h) I suppose there is a good chance that it will happen.

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9. You will get a few statements. Using the adjectives above, express your opinion about them and explain why you think so.