

15 What's Greek got to do with English?

Some words are from ancient Greek and their spelling helps you spot them. Words beginning with 'ph-' like 'phobia', 'ps-' like 'psychic', and 'ch-' with a 'k' sound like 'chord', are all from ancient Greek.



GETTING STARTED

'Phobia' comes the Greek word *phobos* meaning 'fear' and describes 'an extreme or abnormal fear of something'. Use your dictionary to find out what the following phobias are.

- arachnophobia** is the fear of _____ spiders _____
- agoraphobia** is the fear of _____
 - hydrophobia** is the fear of _____
 - claustrophobia** is the fear of _____
 - xenophobia** is the fear of _____



MOVING ON

All these words have Greek origins. Match the word with its definition.

Words to match:

- dogma
- kleptomania
- larynx
- pathos
- sceptic
- skeleton
- thespian
- tonic
- zeal
- astrology
- asterisk
- cosmos

Definitions to match:

- a star-shaped sign
- the study of how the stars and planets may influence people's lives
- the part of your throat that contains the vocal cords
- a person inclined to question things
- the framework of bones of the body
- a belief or principle that a Church or other authority declares is true and must be accepted
- to do with the theatre or acting
- an uncontrollable urge to steal things
- enthusiasm or keenness
- a quality of making people feel pity or sympathy
- a medicine that makes a person healthier or stronger
- the universe

Matched pair: cosmos → the universe

? How many did you get right?

5 = NOVICE

10 = EXPERT

15 = MAESTRO