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- A: Are you afraid of anything?
B: Yes, I'm afraid of spiders. What about you?
A: I have a fear of dogs.
B: Is there any reason why you are scared of dogs?
A: Yes, I was bitten by one when I was a child.
B: It's a rational fear then, not a phobia.
Have you got any phobias?
A: What exactly is a phobia?
A: It's an irrational fear of something.
B: I have a phobia of lifts. I never take the lift because I'm afraid I'll never get out of it.
A: Yes, that's a phobia.

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- A: Who is the person that has influenced you most?
B: My Aunt Sally.
A: Is she the aunt whose husband makes ice cream?
B: Yes, he's from Italy, where ice cream is very popular.
A: What do you like about her?
B: I like her kindness, which is an important quality.
A: Does she have any children?
B: Yes, she has a son, who is my favourite cousin.
A: Does your aunt work?
B: Yes, she works in a hospital, where everyone loves her.

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- A: What's your biggest fear?
B: That I'll never get a job and have to be dependent on my family all my life.
A: And what's your biggest hope?
B: That I'll get a good degree in Physics.
A: I think I'm most afraid of getting ill.
B: What do you think is the biggest worry that teenagers have?
A: That they aren't popular.
B: Or maybe that they'll fail their exams.
A: Do you worry about friends?
B: No, I make friends quite easily.
A: I worry that I'll lose all my friends when we grow up.

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- A: Are you afraid of spiders?
B: No, but I'm terrified of snakes.
A: The snakes you find in England aren't dangerous.
B: If it's an irrational fear, it must be a phobia.
A: It's probably the most common phobia in the world.
B: I love animals, though. I'd like to be a zoologist.
A: You'll have to go to university and get a degree.
B: Yes, after I leave school, I want to go to the United States to study.
A: That's an ambitious plan.