

What should we be afraid of?

1. Think of other ways to say that you're afraid.

I'M AFRAID

2. Complete the sentences with the correct words in the box.

apprehensive	chance	dread	feel	petrifying
scenario	seriously	slightly	terrifies	

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



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) [http://bit.ly/WhatWorriesBill] and answer the questions below.

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

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b) What are the two types of flus?

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c) Why is it called the Spanish flu?

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d) Why would any epidemic nowadays spread quicker than in the 20th 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) a widespread disease

b) an outbreak of flu

c) an infectious disease

d) the immune system

e) polio/malaria eradication

7. Discuss the questions below.

- Do you agree with Bill Gates that we should be afraid of an outbreak of an 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 21st century?

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

believable	debatable	feasible	improbable	inevitable
justifiable	likely	unacceptable	unstoppable	

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 get a good job.

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- d) It is certain that the company will stop trading 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 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 read a few statements. Using the adjectives above, express your opinion about them and explain your point of view.