

# WHAT ARE YOU AFRAID OF? A YEAR-GROUP SURVEY

First, make a list of common fears, the sort of things people of your age might be afraid of. The girl in the story, for instance, was scared of the dark, and Martians. Then carry out your survey. You do not need to record names, and you should assure people that whatever they tell you will be in confidence.

FEAR	HOW AFRAID							
	Not afraid at all	Total	Sometimes afraid	Total	Often afraid	Total	Terrified	Total
The dark								
Aliens								

To record each person's feelings, put a tick in the column and add up the ticks at the end.

You will now have evidence of the strongest of the fears you listed. You could present this as a graph or pie chart. A class display would be interesting.

### Confess, Confess . . .

Choose one person to interview in more detail. You will need to compile a list of questions to get him or her talking about the fear. Remember to ask if he or she knows why he is afraid, and if he /she has tried anything to overcome it.

Record the interview on cassette or make notes.

Write up a report with the title **COMMON FEARS**

or

Write an article for a school magazine or a comic for teenagers, with a title such as **WHAT REALLY SCARES US.**