



# What do you think each of the following words means? How could you guess?

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- ▣ The word arachibutyrophobia is the word for a fear of peanut butter sticking to the roof of your mouth. The text makes three references to peanut butter and uses the phrase “scary as the peanut butter” and “fear” to describe arachibutyrophobia so James probably suffers from a fear of peanut butter stuck to the roof of his mouth.

- ▣ Just for fun – fear of long words is called  
hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia

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- ▣ Mrs. Smith's kindergarten classroom is full of **abecedarians**. They have been working on **learning the alphabet** for a week, and many children can **recite all 26 letters**.
- ▣ A abecedarian is mostly likely a person learning the alphabet. The text says that the abecedarians are "learning the alphabet" and can "recite all 26 letters", so an abecedarian is probably a person learning the alphabet.

- ▣ Brian's parents needed to **dephlogisticate** many items in their house after Brian set fire to the couch yesterday. They had an exhausting list of things that they needed to fireproof to be sure they didn't have to call the fire department again.

## Example A

The word dephlogisticate means “to fireproof” because you can switch it with dephlogisticate and it makes sense. They are synonyms

## Example B

The word dephlogisticate means “to fireproof” because the text explains that because of their pyromaniac child, Brian’s parents need to “dephlogisticate many items” or “fireproof” a long list of things. The two words are used as synonyms