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## READING & LISTENING PRACTICE

# 'AFRAID OF HIS OWN SHADOW'

- Complete the paragraph below with the words in the box. Listen to check your work.

flowers	friend
them	shadow
because	tall
terrible	person
special	shark
bite	there are

**IDIOM:** "My friend is **afraid of his own shadow!**"

- When a person is afraid of his / her own shadow, it means that person is often nervous and easily scared.



No reason to be afraid, ... right?

# shadow

Do you know anyone who is afraid of his own shadow?

## My Best Friend

I have lots of friends. Some of them are (1)\_\_\_\_\_ and some of them are short. Some of (2)\_\_\_\_\_ are funny and some of them are very serious. I have one (3)\_\_\_\_\_, however, who is really very (4)\_\_\_\_\_. He is afraid of his own (5)\_\_\_\_\_! He doesn't like to try new things (6)\_\_\_\_\_ he is afraid that something (7)\_\_\_\_\_ will happen. For example, last week I invited him to go swimming but he said, "No" because a (8)\_\_\_\_\_ might (9)\_\_\_\_\_ him. At a swimming pool? Another time, I invited him to a picnic at a park. However, he said "No" again because (10)\_\_\_\_\_ too many (11)\_\_\_\_\_ in the park. He becomes very afraid when he sees a bee. He's not a very brave (12)\_\_\_\_\_ but he is still my friend. In fact, he's my best friend!

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- Match the sentence halves. Listen to check your work.

## My Best Friend

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|----|---|-----|------------------------------------|
| 1  | I have lots ...   | ... | when he sees a bee.                |
| 2  | Some of them are tall ...   | ... | best friend.                       |
| 3  | Some of them are funny ...  | ... | swimming pool?                     |
| 4  | I have one friend, however, ...   | ... | and some of them are short.        |
| 5  | He is afraid of ...   | ... | to a picnic at a park.             |
| 6  | He doesn't like to try new things because he is afraid that ...                   | ... | his own shadow.                    |
| 7  | For example, last week I invited him to go swimming but he said, "No" because ... | ... | and some of them are very serious. |
| 8  | At a ...  | ... | who is really very special.        |
| 9  | Another time I invited him ...  | ... | but he is still my friend.         |
| 10 | However, he said, "No" again because there are too many ...                       | 1   | ... of friends.                    |
| 11 | He becomes very afraid ...  | ... | flowers in the park.               |
| 12 | He's not a very brave person ...  | ... | something terrible will happen.    |
| 13 | In fact, he's my ...  | ... | a shark might bite him.            |

- **Discuss**

1. Do you know anyone who is afraid of his/her own shadow? Who?
2. Who is your best friend? Describe that person.

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## WRITING PRACTICE

- Now it's your turn! Write a short paragraph about one of your friends.



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## ANSWERS

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1. tall
2. them
3. friend
4. special
5. shadow
6. because
7. terrible
8. shark
9. bite
10. there are
11. flowers
12. person

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