

## Joy of Vocab #1

Acrophobia- An abnormal fear of being in high places.

Audiophile- One who is especially interested in high-fidelity sound reproduction.

Balletomania- An extreme enthusiasm for the ballet.

Bibliomania- A craze for acquiring books, especially rare ones.

Bibliophile- A lover of books.

Bibliophobia- A strong dislike of books.

Claustrophobia- A dread of being in closed or narrow spaces.

Dipsomaniac- A person with an uncontrollable craving for alcoholic beverages.

Germanophobe- A person who intensely fears or dislikes Germany or the Germans.

Kleptomaniac- One who has a persistent neurotic impulse to steal though not in need.

Mania- An exaggerated enthusiasm; craze; mad impulse.

Megalomania- A mental disorder characterized by fantasies of grandeur, power, wealth, etc.

Monomania- A derangement of the mind on one subject only.

Phobia- An abnormal and persistent fear, dislike, or hatred.

Photophilic- A light-lover; requiring abundant light.

Photophobia- A painful sensitivity to light.

Photophobic- Shunning light; light-hating.

Pyromaniac- A person having an insane impulse to start fires.

Russophobia- An abnormal dislike of Russia or the Russians.

Xenophobia- A fear or hatred of foreigners or strangers.