

**GAP-FILLING ACTIVITY:**

**VIDEO ACTIVITY – THE BIG BANG THEORY  
(SEASON 5, EPISODE 9 – THE ORNITHOPHOBIA DIFFUSION)**

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**Penny:** What is that about?

**Leonard:** Well, he's (1)\_\_\_\_\_ and (2)\_\_\_\_\_ enough, he may have actually created a (3)\_\_\_\_\_. (*They enter. Sheldon is by the window.*)

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**Leonard:** What the hell is going on?

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**Penny:** Really? On top of everything else, you're (4)\_\_\_\_\_ birds?

**Sheldon:** It's called ornithophobia. And someday it will be (5)\_\_\_\_\_ as a true disability, and the landlord will be required by law to put a giant net over the building. Which is unfortunate, because I have a fear of (6)\_\_\_\_\_.

**Penny:** So... movies, yes or no?

**Leonard:** Movies, yes.

**Penny:** Great. I'll see you later. And remember, he's more afraid of you than you are of him.

**Sheldon:** That doesn't help.

**Penny:** No, I was talking to (7)\_\_\_\_\_.

**Sheldon:** (*Knock, knock, knock*) Go away, bird. (*Knock, knock, knock*) Go away, bird. (*Knock, knock, knock*) Go away, bird.

**Leonard:** Sheldon, just (8)\_\_\_\_\_ him.

**Sheldon:** Good idea. (9)\_\_\_\_\_ is what birds want. (*Pulls curtain*) Oh, much better. All right. Now I'll just get along with my life. (*Bird squawks*) Make a pot of (10)\_\_\_\_\_, Leonard. It's going to be a long night.

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**Howard:** Your bird death ray is ready.

**Sheldon:** It's not a (11)\_\_\_\_\_. It's just a little ultrasonic blast to scare him off. Trust me, if I had a death ray, I wouldn't be living here. I'd be in my lair enjoying the money the people of Earth gave me for (12)\_\_\_\_\_ my death ray. All right, and in three, two, one. *(Switches on. All the windows shatter. The bird doesn't move.)*

**Raj:** That is one tough birdie.

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**Sheldon:** No, Bernadette, don't (17)\_\_\_\_\_ !

**Bernadette:** Oh, he's a sweetie.

**Sheldon:** Yes. It's very sweet. Now, slowly and carefully, flush him down the toilet.

**Amy:** Sheldon, the only way to get past this fear is to (18)\_\_\_\_\_ with it. Just like you did with the (19)\_\_\_\_\_ .

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(Youtube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CEqIAG2O7MY> )

(The Big Bang Theory 5x09 - Sheldon vs The Bird)