

Left-Handers Facts & Trivia

Left-handed people make up 5% to 10% of the population, men being twice as likely to be left handed than women.

Left-handers are more likely to pursue creative careers.

One in four Apollo astronauts was left-handed!

The official Boy Scout handshake actually uses the left hand, not the right. The founder of the Scouts was ambidextrous (able to use the right and left hand equally well), but he chose the left hand because it is closer to the heart

Most left-handers draw figures facing the right side.

Michelangelo was a lefty; it seems that his 'David' is also a lefty by the way he holds his sling.

Left-handers have been traced back to caveman days. Archaeologists believe some cave paintings were created by lefties.

Of the five people who created the Macintosh computer, four were left-handed.

In ancient times, the Aztecs from Mexico administered medicine for kidney problems with the left hand, and medicine for liver problems with the right hand. Go figure!

The Incas from Peru believed that being left-handed was a sign of good luck.

In Scotland, if a person is unlucky it is said that he or she "was baptized by a left-handed priest".

Mothers who give birth over the age of 40 are 128% more likely to have Lefty babies.

British slang for left-handed are: kefty, scrammy, and wacky.

Lefties in the US are called: southpaws, wrong-way drivers, and portsiders.

Champion fencers are mostly left-handers.

The first recorded set of Siamese twins was born in 1811; they were called 'Chang' and 'Eng', meaning Right and Left.

Recent research has demonstrated that most of the right-brain-left-brain theory is a myth, yet its popularity persists because many people are unaware that the theory is outdated!