

LEFT-HANDEDNESS – SOME FASCINATING FACTS

The right hemisphere of the brain controls the left side of the body. This side of the brain usually controls intuition and reaction to the five senses.

Men are slightly more likely to be left-handed than women.

Usually, left-handers reach puberty 4 to 5 months later than right-handers.

The chance of having a left-handed child is 1 in 10 if both parents are right-handed, 2 in ten if one parent is left-handed, 1 in 4 if both parents are left-handed.

Four of the five designers of the original Macintosh computer were left-handed.

Left-handers are more accident prone because most tools and machinery are designed for right-handers.



Left-handers account for a large percentage of students in remedial reading classes and, and the other end of the scale, in universities, greater than the average 10-15%

The term "southpaw" is derived from baseball. Parks were often built with homeplate in the western corner of the field. When a left-handed pitcher was facing the batter, his throwing arm would be closest to the south, thus the term "southpaw" was coined.