

LEFT-HANDERS DAY

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

There is a special celebration for left-handed people, but not right-handed people. August the 13th is Left-Handers Day. The official website says the day is an “annual celebration of left-handers’ superiority!!” Left-handers say they have to live in a world designed for and by right-handers, and that they have to put up with a lot of inconveniences. The day started in 1992 as a way to increase public awareness of the advantages and disadvantages of being left-handed. Some of the events held on this day include right-handers being asked to use left-handed objects so they can see how awkward it can be doing things the wrong way round. A simple example of this is the computer mouse. Imagine right and left clicking on a mouse that is a mirror image of the one you use. Other events include left-hand-only games.

Scientists have no answer to the question why some of us are left-handed. About fifteen per cent of the population are. Some people believe it is genetic. It does run in families. Research suggests that left-handers are likely to be more creative. There are higher percentages of left-handed people as musicians, artists and scientists. Indeed, left-handers say being left-handed is a sign of greater intelligence. There is also research to show that left-handers are also good at ball sports and things involving hand-to-eye co-ordination, like boxing. There are many interesting facts about left-handers. Most left-handers draw figures facing to the right and they usually see better underwater. Four of the five designers of the Apple Macintosh computer were left-handed – that’s 1,000 per cent higher than the normal level. And finally, left-handers also say they are more beautiful and handsome.

PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. a special celebration for | a. being left-handed |
| 2. a world designed for and | b. left-handed people |
| 3. put up with a lot | c. way round |
| 4. disadvantages of | d. by right-handers |
| 5. doing things the wrong | e. of the one you use |
| 6. a mouse that is a mirror image | f. of inconveniences |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Scientists have no | a. of greater intelligence |
| 2. It does run | b. co-ordination |
| 3. left-handers are likely to | c. in families |
| 4. being left-handed is a sign | d. be more creative |
| 5. hand-to-eye | e. the normal level |
| 6. 1,000 per cent higher than | f. answer to the question |

LISTENING GAP FILL

There is a special celebration for left-handed people, _____ people. August the 13th is Left-Handers Day. The official website says the day is an "annual celebration of left-handers' superiority!!" Left-handers say they have to live in a world _____ right-handers, and that they have to put up with a lot of inconveniences. The day started in 1992 _____ public awareness of the advantages and disadvantages of being left-handed. Some of the events held on this day include right-handers _____ left-handed objects so they can see how awkward it can be doing things the wrong way round. A simple example of this is the computer mouse. _____ clicking on a mouse that is a mirror image of the one you use. Other events include _____.

Scientists have no answer to the question _____ left-handed. About fifteen per cent of the population are. Some people believe it is genetic. It _____. Research suggests that left-handers are likely to be more creative. There are higher percentages of left-handed people as musicians, artists and scientists. Indeed, left-handers say being left-handed _____ intelligence. There is also research to show that left-handers are also good at ball sports and things _____ co-ordination, like boxing. There are many interesting facts about left-handers. Most left-handers _____ the right and they usually see better underwater. Four of the five designers of the Apple Macintosh computer were left-handed – that's 1,000 per cent _____ level. And finally, left-handers also say they are more beautiful and handsome.

WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

There is a _____ celebration for left-handed people, but not right-handed people. August the 13th is Left-Handers Day. The official website says the day is an “_____ celebration of left-handers’ superiority!!” Left-handers say they have to live in a world designed for and by right-handers, and that they have to _____ with a lot of inconveniences. The day started in 1992 as a way to _____ public awareness of the advantages and disadvantages of being left-handed. Some of the events held on this day include right-handers being _____ to use left-handed objects so they can see how awkward it can be doing things the _____ way round. A simple example of this is the computer mouse. Imagine right and left clicking on a mouse that is a _____ image of the one you use. Other events include left-hand-only _____.

put up
mirror
annual
asked
games
special
increase
wrong

Scientists have no _____ to the question why some of us are left-handed. About fifteen per cent of the population are. Some people believe it is _____. It does run in families. Research suggests that left-handers are likely to be more creative. There are higher _____ of left-handed people as musicians, artists and scientists. Indeed, left-handers say being left-handed is a sign of _____ intelligence. There is also research to show that left-handers are also good at ball sports and things involving _____ -to-eye co-ordination, like boxing. There are many interesting facts about left-handers. Most left-handers draw _____ facing to the right and they usually see better underwater. Four of the _____ designers of the Apple Macintosh computer were left-handed – that’s 1,000 per cent higher than the normal _____. And finally, left-handers also say they are more beautiful and handsome.

percentages
figures
answer
hand
level
greater
genetic
five

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs of *italics*.

There is a special *celebration / celebrate* for left-handed people, but not right-handed people. August the 13th is Left-Handers Day. The official website says the day is an “*annually / annual* celebration of left-handers’ superiority!!” Left-handers say they have to live in a world designed for and *by / to* right-handers, and that they have to put up with a lot of inconveniences. The day started in 1992 as a way *to / of* increase public awareness of the advantages and disadvantages of being left-handed. Some of the events held on this day include right-handers being *asking / asked* to use left-handed objects so they can see how awkward it can be doing things the wrong way *down / round*. A simple example of this is the computer mouse. Imagine right and left clicking on a mouse that is a *window / mirror* image of the one you use. Other events *including / include* left-hand-only games.

Scientists have *no / know* answer to the question why some of us are left-handed. About fifteen per cent of the population are. Some people believe it is *genetic / genetically*. It does run in families. Research suggests that left-handers are likely to be more *creation / creative*. There are higher percentages of left-handed people as musicians, artists and scientists. Indeed, left-handers say being left-handed is a sign of greater *intelligent / intelligence*. There is also research to show that left-handers are also good at ball sports and things *involved / involving* hand-to-eye co-ordination, like boxing. There are many interesting facts about left-handers. Most left-handers draw *figures / figure* facing to the right and they usually see better underwater. Four of the five *designers / designs* of the Apple Macintosh computer were left-handed – that’s 1,000 per cent higher than the *normally / normal* level. And finally, left-handers also say they are more beautiful and handsome.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

There is a special celebration for left-handed people, but not right-handed people. August the 13th is Left-Handers Day. The (1) _____ website says the day is an "annual celebration of left-handers' superiority!!" Left-handers say they have to live in a world designed for and (2) _____ right-handers, and that they have to put (3) _____ with a lot of inconveniences. The day started in 1992 as a way to increase public awareness of the advantages and disadvantages of being left-handed. Some of the events held on this day include right-handers being (4) _____ to use left-handed objects so they can see how awkward it can be doing things the wrong way (5) _____. A simple example of this is the computer mouse. Imagine right and left clicking on a mouse that is a (6) _____ image of the one you use. Other events include left-hand-only games.

Scientists have no answer to the question why some of (7) _____ are left-handed. About fifteen per cent of the population are. Some people believe it is genetic. It does (8) _____ in families. Research suggests that left-handers are likely to be more creative. There are higher (9) _____ of left-handed people as musicians, artists and scientists. Indeed, left-handers say being left-handed is a sign of greater intelligence. There is also (10) _____ to show that left-handers are also good at ball sports and things involving hand-to-eye co-ordination, like boxing. There are many interesting facts about left-handers. Most left-handers draw (11) _____ facing to the right and they usually see better underwater. Four of the five designers of the Apple Macintosh computer were left-handed – that's 1,000 per cent higher than the (12) _____ level. And finally, left-handers also say they are more beautiful and handsome.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) officially | (b) officials | (c) officialdom | (d) official |
| 2. | (a) by | (b) from | (c) at | (d) to |
| 3. | (a) down | (b) up | (c) on | (d) from |
| 4. | (a) asks | (b) asking | (c) asked | (d) ask |
| 5. | (a) square | (b) oval | (c) straight | (d) round |
| 6. | (a) window | (b) mirror | (c) view | (d) pane |
| 7. | (a) us | (b) them | (c) they | (d) we |
| 8. | (a) run | (b) walk | (c) jog | (d) stroll |
| 9. | (a) percent | (b) percentile | (c) percentages | (d) percentage |
| 10. | (a) researchers | (b) researching | (c) researched | (d) research |
| 11. | (a) figure | (b) figured | (c) figures | (d) figure out |
| 12. | (a) normalize | (b) normal | (c) normal | (d) normality |

SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. a special atecoirIneb
2. ieddgens for and by right-handers
3. pcbliu awareness
4. how wwrdaKa it can be
5. the computer suoem
6. left ikcgnlci

Paragraph 2

7. Scientists have no sewnar
8. It does run in fileisma
9. be more iacetvre
10. a sign of egearrt intelligence
11. draw figures gnfcia to the right
12. the mralon level

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () are. Some people believe it is genetic. It does run in families. Research suggests that left-handers are likely to be
- () disadvantages of being left-handed. Some of the events held on this day include right-handers being asked to use
- () more creative. There are higher percentages of left-handed people as musicians, artists and scientists. Indeed, left-handers
- () Day. The official website says the day is an “annual celebration of left-handers’ superiority!!” Left-handers say
- () is the computer mouse. Imagine right and left clicking on a mouse that is a mirror image of the one you use. Other events include left-hand-only games.
- () they have to live in a world designed for and by right-handers, and that they have to put up with a lot of
- () ball sports and things involving hand-to-eye co-ordination, like boxing. There are many interesting facts about
- () say being left-handed is a sign of greater intelligence. There is also research to show that left-handers are also good at
- () left-handers. Most left-handers draw figures facing to the right and they usually see better underwater. Four of the
- (**1**) There is a special celebration for left-handed people, but not right-handed people. August the 13th is Left-Handers
- () inconveniences. The day started in 1992 as a way to increase public awareness of the advantages and
- () left-handed objects so they can see how awkward it can be doing things the wrong way round. A simple example of this
- () higher than the normal level. And finally, left-handers also say they are more beautiful and handsome.
- () five designers of the Apple Macintosh computer were left-handed – that’s 1,000 per cent
- () Scientists have no answer to the question why some of us are left-handed. About fifteen per cent of the population

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. celebration people for left-handed A special.

2. and - A for right designed by handers world.

3. public way increase awareness A to.

4. round Doing the way things wrong.

5. games events - only Other left - include hand.

6. to answer no have Scientists question the.

7. people it genetic Some believe is.

8. left-handed is a sign of greater intelligence Being.

9. figures to right Draw facing the.

10. they beautiful - say more Left also are handers.

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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THE LEFT-HANDERS DAY SURVEY

Write five questions about Left-Handers Day in the table. Do this in pairs/groups. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

Without your partner, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find more information about Left-Handers Day. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Left-Handers Day. Write about what happens around the world. Include two imaginary interviews with people who did something on this day.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. POSTER: Make your own poster about Left-Handers Day. Write about will happen on this day around the world.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.