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**Level 0** – 21st May 2026

## Why 90 per cent of humans are right-handed

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2605/260521-being-right-handed-0.html>

Around 90 per cent of people are right-handed. This is because of human evolution. When we first walked on two legs, our hands did more things. Our large brain thought of many things to do with our hands. If most people used the same hand, it was easier to do things like hunt, cook, and use tools.

Scientists wondered why humans, but not monkeys, are largely right-handed. Researchers compared human behaviour with monkey behaviour. A researcher said that by looking at monkeys, we can understand why many of us use our right hands. We started using our right hands millions of years ago.

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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                             |                |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Around 90 per cent       | a. on two legs |
| 2. This is because of human | b. of people   |
| 3. When we first walked     | c. do things   |
| 4. our hands did more       | d. our hands   |
| 5. our large                | e. evolution   |
| 6. many things to do with   | f. use tools   |
| 7. it was easier to         | g. things      |
| 8. hunt, cook, and          | h. brain       |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                        |                        |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Scientists wondered | a. our right hands     |
| 2. largely             | b. that                |
| 3. human               | c. use our right hands |
| 4. a researcher said   | d. why                 |
| 5. by looking          | e. of years ago        |
| 6. many of us          | f. right-handed        |
| 7. We started using    | g. behaviour           |
| 8. millions            | h. at monkeys          |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Around 90 per cent (1) \_\_\_\_\_ right-handed.

This is because (2) \_\_\_\_\_ . When we first

walked on two legs, our hands (3) \_\_\_\_\_ .

Our large (4) \_\_\_\_\_ many things to do with

our hands. If most people (5) \_\_\_\_\_ hand, it

was easier to do things (6) \_\_\_\_\_ , and use

tools.

(7) \_\_\_\_\_ humans, but not monkeys, are

(8) \_\_\_\_\_ . Researchers compared human

(9) \_\_\_\_\_ behaviour. A researcher said that

by looking at monkeys, (10) \_\_\_\_\_ why

many (11) \_\_\_\_\_ our right hands. We started

using our right hands millions (12) \_\_\_\_\_ .

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# BEING RIGHT-HANDED

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2605/260521-being-right-handed-0.html>

Write five GOOD questions about being right-handed in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

|      | STUDENT 1<br>_____ | STUDENT 2<br>_____ | STUDENT 3<br>_____ |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Q.1. |                    |                    |                    |
| Q.2. |                    |                    |                    |
| Q.3. |                    |                    |                    |
| Q.4. |                    |                    |                    |
| Q.5. |                    |                    |                    |

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

