

We are left-handers!

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Are there any left-handed people around you? Or are you a left-handed person like me? In Japan, it was estimated that 5.1 % of the population was left-handed. But none of my friends from school are left-handed. I feel very special. Today, I'd like to start by talking about some of the difficulties of being left-handed and finish by telling you about some of the benefits.

First, when I eat out in a restaurant with friends and family. I have to sit on the left. If I don't, I might hit your elbow. So, I always have to think about where I sit.

Next, some difficulties in left-handed people in my daily life. Such as the automated gates in the stations. When I go through the station gate, I have to hold the pass in my right hand. One time, I accidentally opened the gate to my left when I held my pass in my left hand. It was so embarrassing.

All of that is a pain, but Calligraphy is really difficult for all left-handed people. In calligraphy class, I have to use my right hand. When I began to learn Calligraphy, I had to practice very hard. Now, I'm so so but still not very good. I guess no left-handers are good at Calligraphy.

Those are some of the difficulties in my life. What do you think? Is being left-handed only bad? I think it can be tough, but there are some benefits.

Sport is a good example. It is called southpaws. You can find many famous left-handed players such as Rafael Nadal Parera, Lionel Messi. In the case of tennis, left-handed players are more profitable than right-handed players. Because, right-handed players have difficulty returning the ball which left-handers smash. In the case of soccer, left-footed players are the same as this. If you are left-handed, you should try to play any sports. You may become a great player.

When I write something like a questionnaire, people always say "Oh, you are left-handed." Then I can start some small talk. So, I can talk to people I first meet. Being left-handed is a great ice-breaker. I think it's lucky.

Lastly, people always say "Left-handers are geniuses." If that's true, I'm a genius! In left-handed people, the right half of the brain is stronger. Specialists often said on TV that left-handed people may be good at math, music and art. I'm good at them. I think this is thanks to me being left-handed.

By the way, do you know about International Left-handers day? August 13 is International Left-hander's Day. On this day, people think about the left-handed people in their lives. When I heard about it, I was surprised. I suggest that we celebrate that day in Japan too.

In conclusion, Left-handers have many difficulties and some benefits. I'm happy to be left-handed. I'm proud of it. Being left-handed is one of my unique points. If your child is left-handed, I hope you don't try to reform them to be right-handed by force. You should respect it. I hope that societies become easier for left-handed people. I hope the number of left-handers increase. I believe left-handers can change the world.