

ACTIVITY



**Talking About
Left-Handers**
Grades 2–5



Purpose:

Find facts about left-handers

Materials:

none

Ask left-handed students to talk about their experiences writing and doing other activities with their dominant hand. Then ask students to talk about friends and family members who are left-handed.

Explain that left-handed people make up between 10–15% of the population. Famous left-handers include former presidents Gerald Ford, Ronald Reagan, and George Bush, inventor Benjamin Franklin, scientist Albert Einstein, writer Lewis Carroll, Brazilian soccer star Pelé, and baseball greats Reggie Jackson, Sandy Koufax, Louis Brock, and Babe Ruth.

Some people believe left-handed people have an advantage in sports such as tennis and baseball. Ask left-handed students in your class to describe times they have found it advantageous to be left-handed.

Extension:

Conduct a survey to find out how many left-handed students and how many right-handed students are at your school. Challenge students to translate the results into percentages.

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